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Criswell To Urge SBC Name Change Study

DALLAS (BP) — W. A. Criswell, a former Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) president, will present a motion at the 117th annual SBC meeting here, June 11-13, that a committee be appointed to study the possibility of changing the SBC's name and make recommendations.

Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, told Baptist Press he will discuss his plan at a dinner meeting of former SBC presidents and current president, Owen Cooper, Monday night, June 10, at the Statler Hilton Hotel, the convention's headquarters hotel.

He said no exact wording for his motion has been drafted but that he would probably suggest the name Continental Baptist Convention as a possibility for a committee to recommend as a new name for the nation's largest non-Catholic evangelical denomination.

"I favor Continental," Criswell said in an interview, "because others such as General, National and American have all been pre-empted by other Baptist bodies."

Criswell's concern about the name of the 12.3 million-member, 36,000-church denomination surfaced in an article he prepared for publication in the Baptist Standard, news publication of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. It was the last in a series by ex-SBC presidents run by Standard editor, John J. Hurt, who editorially supported Criswell in the same issue.

"The plain and simple truth of the matter is that the Southern Baptist Convention is no longer the Southern

Baptist Convention," Criswell wrote. "It is Northern and Western and Eastern as well as Southern."

"We have churches in all 50 states, and we are growing in these areas every day. Why not change the name so that it more nearly describes what we actually are? While President of the convention (1969 and 1970) I would have done it if I could."

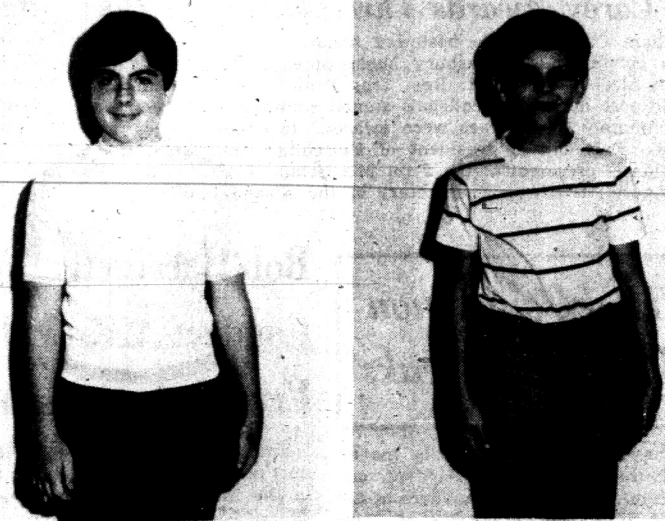
Criswell's Standard article stopped short of saying he would make such a motion, although he confirmed in the interview that he would.

In both his article and the interview, Criswell, known as a staunch conservative, disagreed with the view he said some hold that the name Southern Baptist Convention does not refer to a geographical location but to a conservative, doctrinal position.

"Tell me honestly," he wrote, "could not the same conservative, doctrinal position characterize us by another name? The old Northern Baptist Convention became the American Baptist Churches, but the people in their doctrinal position remained just the same" as they were before the change, he said.

He said the name Continental Baptist Convention "would include us all from Maine to California, from Alaska to Hawaii."

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State Bible Drill Winners Announced

Ray Boxx (left) and Johnny Jones, both from First Baptist Church, Coffeeville, were first place winners in the Baptist Youth Bible Drill Selection Tournament held last Saturday at the Baptist Building in Jackson. The win entitles the boys to represent Mississippi at the two Convention-wide drills to be held this summer, with Ray to participate at the Convention Center at Ridgecrest, N.C., and Johnny to be at the Center in Glorieta, N.M. The Bible Drill is sponsored by the Church Training Department, Kermit King, director. Mrs. J. O. Ellett is the coach of the two winners. Rev. Donnie Stewart is pastor of the Coffeeville Church. Norman Rodgers, department associate, who directs this project, said that this was the second time in history that both winners were from the same church. William Wilson, representing Mt. Pisgah Church in Choctaw County Association, won third place and will be the alternate state representative.

Cooper Views Years As President Of SBC

By Baptist Press

(A Baptist Press interview with Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1972-74. Cooper is a retired industrialist from Yazoo City, Miss.)

Q — What in your view are the greatest accomplishments of Southern Baptists during the past two years?

A — The fact that Southern Baptists for the third consecutive year have baptized more than 400,000 people is a noteworthy accomplishment. We had an all-time high in the number of foreign missionaries under appointment. We are maintaining the same number of home missionaries. With the exception of one year, we've had the greatest enrollment in our seminaries we've ever had. The income last year in aggregate was over \$1.2 billion.

On intangible accomplishments, one of the things most pleasing is the growing interest of laymen to become meaningfully involved in the total denominational program, not just in the local church but beyond that.

And I see a quest on the part of many Baptists to try making a greater

place in their life for the Holy Spirit. I think this is needed in Southern Baptist life... that we should make a greater place for the direction and leadership, filling, power and strength of the Holy Spirit.

Q — What do you think will be the key issues at the SBC meeting in Dallas, June 11-13?

A — The matter of evangelism and missions is going to be paramount in the minds of the people. It is my understanding that a motion will be presented to take the evangelism division out of the Home Mission Board. I think also there is going to be a motion that will have something to do with the ordination of women as deacons or ministers. I don't know what form it will be in, but I have been in communication with one man who

says he intends to make such a motion on women. I have an idea it will be debated.

I would hope there are enough "issues" to maintain interest but not enough to push us off into any acrimonious debate.

Q — What about the controversy between so-called conservatives and so-called liberals among Southern Baptists with reference to the "Baptist Faith and Message" statement adopted by the SBC in 1963? Should Southern Baptists be greatly concerned about this, especially in light of the Concordia Seminary and Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod controversy?

A — Basically, 99.44 per cent of Southern Baptists would subscribe to the (Baptist Faith and Message)

statement adopted by the convention in 1963. But that doesn't mean every one of us will interpret a verse of scripture just exactly alike. When we all begin to think exactly alike we are going to stagnate.

Actually, a "liberal" Southern Baptist in the classical sense is somewhat of a conservative himself. We just have varying degrees of conservatism.

A few years ago it was the less conservative people who were coming to the SBC annual meetings in an organization and creating quite a little comment. Now it is the more conservative people who are coming.

I do not look at either of these as threats at all. Those who are less conservative among Southern Baptists

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SBC Cooperative Program Receipts Continue Upward

NASHVILLE — (BP) — Receipts through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget continue to show increases over last year, according to figures released here.

SBC-wide Cooperative Program totals for April were \$3,219,526, an increase of \$332,439 or 11.51 per cent over last April, said John Williams, director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee.

Figures for the fiscal year to date, October, 1973 through April, 1974, show an even greater increase over last fiscal year. Williams said \$22,169,859 received this year tops the same period last year by \$2,385,097 or 12.06 per cent.

While undesignated Cooperative Program receipts were rising, designated receipts in April of this year showed a 1.48 per cent decline over last April — dropping \$41,656 from \$2,820,786 received last April to \$2,779,130 received this April.

However, the year-to-date designated figures showed a 10.77 increase, rising from \$22,373,078 in the first seven months of the 1972-73 fiscal year to \$24,410,906 in the first seven

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Kelly Tells Graduates Of Mississippi College Virtues Of Christian Education

One of the largest graduating classes in Mississippi College history heard Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, expound on the virtues of Christian higher education during college commencement exercises Sunday afternoon in the Jackson City Auditorium.

Dr. Kelly, an alumnus of Mississippi College and the recipient of an honorary doctor of divinity degree, praised Christian education for producing people who are spiritually as well as intellectually developed. His address to the graduates marked the close of the 148th regular session at the college.

Degrees were awarded to 473 individuals, making the 1974 class one of the largest ever in the long history of the college.

Included in the degree recipients were 360 who received one of the six bachelor degrees offered, while 113 were granted one of the six master's degrees available. The master's list included one master of social science degree, a first for Mississippi College.

Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of the college, conferred the degrees and presented awards to the top academic students in the class. Assisting in the presentation of diplomas was Dr.

Charles E. Martin, vice-president for academic affairs.

In addition to the 473 academic degrees conferred, two denominational leaders and a prominent Mississippi lady were presented honorary doctor's degrees by the college.

Receiving the doctor of divinity degree along with Dr. Kelly was the Rev. Perry A. Michel, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Brookhaven.

The honorary doctor of letters degree went to Mrs. Nannie Pitts McLemore of Clinton, noted author, historian and civic leader, who was honored earlier this month as Clinton's "Outstanding Citizen of the Year" by the Clinton Chamber of Commerce.

Governor Bill Waller made a special presentation at the graduation ceremonies. He presented the George Washington Honor Medal given by the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge to the American Studies Seminar at Mississippi College. This is a special graduate level summer seminar promoting the American Democratic Heritage. Dr. Walter Howell, associate professor of history, is the seminar director.

Special music at the ceremonies was provided by Miss Sarah Patton Greenwood, a member of the 1974 class.

In his remarks to the graduating class at City Auditorium, Dr. Kelly told the students that "I am aware that we (Baptist denomination) have not entered the business of higher education in an attempt to make converts or to gain secular power and influence, but to liberate men and women from the deadening hand of secularism."

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Dr. Lewis Nobles (right), president of Mississippi College, is pictured with the three individuals receiving honorary degrees during the college's annual commencement program at City Auditorium. From the left are Rev. Perry Michel, pastor of First, Brookhaven, doctor of divinity; Mrs. Nannie Pitts McLemore of Clinton, doctor of letters; Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, doctor of divinity; and Dr. Nobles. Dr. Kelly was also commencement speaker. (M.C. Photo by Rosa Lee Harden)

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Famine In Africa Spreads; Mission Board Responds

RICHMOND (BP) — During its May meeting, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board responded once again to needs created by spreading famine conditions in Africa with appropriations of \$30,969 in relief funds.

In other action, the board named a new field representative for Eastern Africa and approved the transfer of Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Martin, missionaries, from Tanzania to the Malagasy Republic where they will begin Southern Baptist mission work.

The board also heard reports from executive secretary, Baker J. Cauthen, and other staff members. The Martins' transfer becomes effective Aug. 1, but they won't begin their new assignment until after their furlough and a period of language study in France.

John R. Cheyne, missionary to Africa for 20 years, was named field representative for Eastern Africa. He will assume the new responsibilities Aug. 1. As field representative, Cheyne will provide a personal link between the board and about 280 missionaries in Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

In recent months the famine in Africa has spread to include parts of several countries where Southern Baptist missionaries serve. In light of that fact, the board appropriated \$9,000 for famine relief in Ghana, \$5,000 for relief work in Kenya, \$5,000 for relief through the Baptist World Alliance and an additional \$11,969 for famine relief in West Africa, which came from funds designated to the Foreign Mission Board by Fairfield Baptist Church, New Orleans, after it liquidated its holdings and ceased to exist.

This is in addition to special gifts from churches and individuals which have been channeled through the Foreign Mission Board in recent months.

"The response of individuals and churches to news releases concerning need for famine relief has been gratifying," said H. Cornell Goerner, the board's secretary for West Africa. "Almost every day brings checks and letters indicating concern and prayer support."

He reported a total of \$22,818 in special gifts received during April designated for relief work in the Niger Republic. During the same month, an additional \$5,000 was sent to the Upper Volta and \$2,000 to Senegal.

"Because of anticipated flow of special gifts, no additional appropriation for relief in the Niger Republic is being requested at this board meeting," Goerner commented.

In addition to the \$11,969 appropriated for famine relief, the remainder of the \$81,969 received from the liquidation of the Fairfield Baptist Church was designated for several causes. From these funds, \$50,000 will go for upgrading Panama's Baptist Hospital, \$14,000 for additional construction funds for Jordan's Baptist Hospital and \$6,000 for additional operating funds for Baptist Hospital, Eku, Nigeria.

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'Associations Alive, Well, Indispensable To Growth'

By Toby Druin

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP) — The Baptist association, oldest organization in Southern Baptist life apart from the local church, is alive, well and indispensable to the continued growth of the denomination, speakers emphasized here at the National Convocation on the Southern Baptist Association.

Sponsored by the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and coordinated by the Home Mission Board's (HMB) division of associational services, the convocation was attended by some 1,300 superintendents of missions, pastors and denominational leaders.

Designed to consider the future of Baptist associations and evoke ideas as to how to make them more effective, the convocation featured speeches, dialogue, worship and 32 study groups probing areas of associational concern.

All the speakers underscored the importance of the local association in Baptist life and its strategic role for the future.

Allen Graves, director of the conference and research center at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, said he believes "There is a place — an important, continuing place — for effective, autonomous Baptist associations" in the denominational system.

James L. Sullivan, president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, said that next to the local church the association is the most indispensable organizational unit in denominational life.

And Arthur Rutledge, executive director of the Home Mission Board, said the association is the starting

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N. Y. Southern Baptists Begin Work Among Ethnic Groups

NEW YORK (RNS) — A thriving ministry, which includes special services for ethnic groups, is in progress at the six-story office building here of the Metropolitan New York Southern Baptist Association.

To date, four language groups hold meetings in the building: an English language class for Japanese immigrants; a Spanish pastors' fellowship and planning meeting; a French-speaking Haitian mission, and an English speaking congregation.

A Rumanian group is scheduled to enter the building this summer, and a Mandarin Chinese ministry is also a distinct possibility, said Ken Lyle, minister of associational services.

Mr. Lyle said the Rumanian fellowship is led by retired home missionary.

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Americans United Loses Case In Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U. S. Supreme Court ruled in a 7-1 decision that Americans United for Separation of Church and State has no legal right to an injunction prohibiting the Internal Revenue Service from revoking its eligibility for tax-deductible contributions.

Associate Justice William O. Douglas took no part in the decision of the case, thereby creating the unusual 7-1 split.

The decision may not mark the end of legal action involving the tax status of the Washington-based organization. In fact, the decision includes a virtual invitation to Americans United to take its case back to court by applying for a refund of the \$100,000 in taxes paid since the IRS revoked the organization's privilege to receive the deductible contributions.

When the IRS first informed Americans United its privilege of receiving tax-deductible gifts would no longer be allowed, the reason given was that the organization was involved in excessive lobbying activities. The decision also meant that Americans United must pay the federal unemployment tax.

In oral arguments before the high

court last January, Americans United challenged the IRS's authority to revoke its privileged status on constitutional grounds. Larger and more powerful organizations such as the Roman Catholic Church, Americans United claimed, were not threatened with adverse IRS action. It further claimed that it was being penalized for activities protected by rights under the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

The IRS argued that the federal courts have no grounds on which to intervene in its procedures in determining the tax-exempt status of organizations. The Supreme Court's action agrees with the IRS position.

Americans United may now decide to renew legal action against the IRS based only on constitutional grounds, or it may decide instead to accept the IRS ruling rather than take the expensive route of further litigation.

As a result of the 1969 IRS revocation of eligibility for tax-deductible contributions, Americans United formed in 1970 a separate organization, Americans United Research Foundation. The IRS promptly granted the new group complete tax exemption, including deductibility for donors.



Many of the superintendents of missions from Mississippi associations were in attendance at the recent Convocation of the Southern Baptist Association held at Ridgecrest, N. C., recently.

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place in crossing barriers with the gospel of Christ.

Rutledge said there is a need to help Southern Baptists recapture the mission of a Baptist association. He quoted the definition of an association used by the HMB's division of associational services — "A fellowship of churches on mission in their setting." The association must identify the barriers to the gospel in its own setting he said, and move to cross them.

He cautioned against a narrow understanding of the task faced by Christians.

"It is easy for churches to concentrate on 'our kind of people,' and bypass the hurting, needy, Christless people whom we have grown accustomed to overlooking because they are of a different racial or cultural background or because they live on a different economic or educational level from ours," he said.

Graves, speaking on "The Association and the Churches," said, "The associations exist to minister to, for, through and from the churches to the glory of God."

Associations, he said, legitimately serve as a link between churches and conventions, "but they should be more than simply promotional tools to project programs of the larger denominational bodies."

At the heart of all associational programs, Graves said, should be the concern for Christian fellowship, mutual edification and support and doctrinal discussion.

"Two big things that are fundamental to the genius and heritage of the association are fellowship and doctrinal discussion," he said.

Sullivan, speaking on "The Association and Baptist Doctrine," said it is a "trust" for local associations to set doctrinal guidelines and withdraw fellowship from churches which have ceased to be "Baptist."

But he cautioned against hasty action that would create even more of a problem than that posed by churches violating doctrinal guidelines and noted that early churches had doctrinal differences but did not sever fellowship ties.

"They were of differing opinions, yet each remained positive and forward looking," he said. "We need to allow breath of air diversity. There is no time when two thinking men ever see things alike."

New Testament churches which had differences talked themselves into consensus, he said.

"Coercion had no part in their relationships. They were willing to allow for differences. They wanted unity without forcing uniformity. It was their desire to continue to provide diversity, knowing that different churches would appeal to different people. Such diversity does not work against Christianity but for it. The same need still remains even though the centuries have passed."

Statement Adopted

The superintendents of missions adopted a 10-point "Ridgecrest Statement" suggesting their titles be changed to "director of missions" and that emphasis continue on "unity without compulsory uniformity" among cooperating Baptist bodies.

The superintendents, denominational leaders and others attending the National Convocation of the Southern Baptist Association at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center here also reaffirmed the historic pattern of cooperation among associations, state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

"The associations interpret, strengthen and promote support of cooperative Baptist work," the statement said. "The state conventions are primarily responsible for promoting the denominational program, receiving and remitting gifts for the cooperative ministries and enterprises supported by Baptists and providing field services for various programs of work."

"The SBC agencies initiate programs, reinforce and strengthen promotional and training events through providing literature, resource persons, field services and national and/or regional conferences."

Presented by Ernest J. Kelley, director of evangelism and missions for the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia, the "Ridgecrest Statement" was a summation of the sentiments of the chairmen of 32 study groups who, during the convocation, pored over areas of concern to the associations.

Debated for more than an hour before being approved, the statement, in addition to suggesting the title change for superintendents and reaffirming the relationships between Baptist bodies, made the following points:

—Labeled the future of Southern Baptist associations "bright and promising."

—Associations, based on biblical principles, assist and relate churches to each other and the denomination for a broader and more meaningful ministry.

—Major concerns of the association, which identify its role, are: evangelism, missions fellowship, doctrinal soundness, helping churches and providing a channel for training and information.

—The association fosters a fellowship of encouragement, love, acceptance and inspiration and strengthens and encourages fellowship.

—The association provides adequate organization for leadership in cooperative ventures.

—Encouraged the six SBC seminaries to provide courses on both undergraduate and graduate levels on the association and encouraged the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and state conventions to provide assistance for training associational Baptist leadership.

—Encouraged associations to use public news and other mass media to influence persons with a Christian witness.

Bomb Threat Halts Work At BSSB

NASHVILLE (BP) — Employees of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board evacuated board buildings here for nearly one hour on Monday, May 13 following a telephone bomb threat for the second time in recent years. At approximately 12:30 p.m. a woman called into the switchboard and said "There's a bomb." The switchboard operator relayed the message to the office supervisor, who came to the switchboard in time to hear the second call, which was immediately after the first. "There's a bomb set to go off at one o'clock," the caller said.

When questioned by the operators, the woman assured them there was really a bomb. She then repeated the threat to the other operator, never indicating the location. Board officials made the decision to evacuate the premises. "We know that this is probably an empty threat," stated president James L. Sullivan, "but our primary concern is for the safety of our employees."

Metro Police officers arrived at the board in a matter of minutes. The one o'clock deadline passed, and after a search of the board by the police officers, employees returned to work grateful that the alarm was false.



Open House At East Corinth

East Corinth Church, Corinth, (Alcorn), will have open house Sunday, May 26. The congregation has built a new \$112,000 building on Shiloh Road, northeast of the city on five acres of land. In addition to the regular Sunday services, brief services will be held in the afternoon and refreshments will be served. The church was established in 1952 at another location in the city under the sponsorship of Tate Street Church. Rev. Duall Corbitt is pastor.

Homer L. Grice, 91, Dies In Nashville

NASHVILLE (BP) — Homer L. Grice, 91, the man who started the widespread Vacation Bible School (VBS) movement among Southern Baptists back in the 1920's, died here following a brief illness.

Grice, a native of Citra, Fla., became the first secretary of what was then the Vacation Bible School Department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in 1924, spearheading a conventionwide program, which is still going strong.

James L. Sullivan, president of the Sunday School Board, paid tribute to Grice:

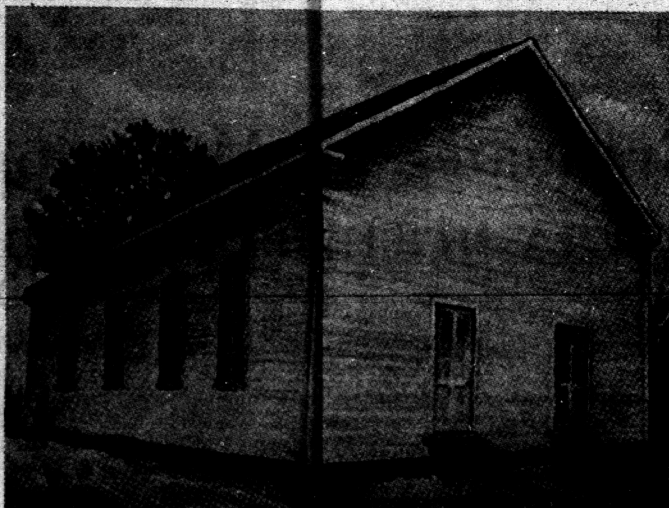
"No one will be able to measure the tremendous contribution Dr. Grice made to lives of young people through VBS. The number of children who accepted Jesus Christ as savior in VBS and the multitudes who have received intensive Bible study comprise a grateful throng."

Before entering denominational work, Grice was a public school teacher in Alabama and was employed by the U. S. Railway Mail Service. He served as a pastor in Georgia and taught English at Ouachita Baptist College in Arkadelphia, Ark.

Grice served from 1930-33 as editor of the board's graded intermediate Sunday School lessons and wrote the lessons for the 13-14 year old pupils' books.

Besides editing all literature on Southern Baptist VBS and promoting VBS work, he authored about 45 books for children, ages 4-16.

His widow, the former Ethel Harrison of Birmingham, Ala., resides in Nashville.



Indian Springs Has 120th Anniversary

Indian Springs Baptist Church in Jones County observed its 120th anniversary and dedication with special services on Sunday, May 5. Dr. Joe T. Odle, Jackson, editor of the Baptist Record, delivered the anniversary message at the morning hour. Dinner was served during the noon hour and the reading of the history and a dedication service were held that afternoon. Rev. Wade Allen is pastor. Top photo shows a painting of the original church building with the second picture being a painting of the second building used by the congregation. Lower photo shows the church building as it stands today.



Carey Awards Three Honorary Doctorates

William Carey College bestowed honorary doctorates Saturday evening on two outstanding Hattiesburg businessmen and on a Baptist administrator from Alaska. From left: Rev. Troy Prince, Paul McMullan and Wiley Fairchild pose during the college's annual commencement activities in which approximately 300 degrees were awarded to Carey seniors and graduate students. Fairchild is president of Fairchild Construction Company and McMullan is president of the First Mississippi National Bank. Prince, a native of Laurel, is executive-secretary of the Alaska Baptist Convention.

The Convention President Speaks

Many years ago, a couple moved from the central rural part of our state to Jackson. I am not sure of the exact place nor do I know all their activities since then, but I know enough about them to illustrate a point.

For sometime after coming to Jackson, they were members of Calvary Baptist Church. Later they moved into the section of the city where I live. About twenty-five years ago, the man of that couple and twelve other people met in a grocery store known as the Broadmoor Food Store and held a prayer meeting. From that prayer meeting, Broadmoor Baptist Church was born. Most of you who read this are familiar with some of the history of this church. It was actually constituted into a church January 4, 1953. In the mailout paper this week, the present membership is recorded as 3741.

On Saturday May 11, 1974, I conducted the funeral service of the lady of that couple. Her name was Mrs. T. G. (Lillian) Strubling. As her pastor, I could easily say with the writer of Revelation 14:13, "their works do follow them." I sincerely believe this church (Broadmoor Baptist Church), her buildings, program, people and all that constitutes and or represents a church, is a memorial to this type of people.

My prayer is as anyone moves from the country to the city or from one city to another, regardless of from where they move and to where they move, they will be faithful to their Lord—as my wonderful friends, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Strubling—for many years. — David Grant.

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sionary Cornel Pascu, who is also developing fellowships in Brooklyn and Patterson, N. J., among the 27,000 local Rumanian refugees.

The Chinese ministry is becoming a strong possibility, considering the large numbers of Chinese immigrants to New York City, Mr. Lyle said. Also, "since the United Nations opened to China, we now have Chinese Communists accessible for witness even though we can't get into their country."

A relative newcomer to the New York area (arriving in late 1957) the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association now has some 90 churches and missions with a membership of 10,000 people.

In addition to associational offices, the six-story building houses the Manhattan Baptist Church — a regional and community church which draws its congregation from college students, teachers and professional people.

STATE BAPTIST CHURCH LIBRARY OFFICERS MEET

At a recent meeting of the officers of the Church Library Organization, it was announced that the State Convention would be held Nov. 1-2 at First Church, Brookhaven.

ment Section and Library Association, both of Church Library Department, the Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Additional plans were formulated for the convention at the meeting, presided over by W. H. Hight, Louisville, president. Other officers are: Mrs. J. V. Myers, Brookhaven, vice-president; Mrs. Rex Burrows, Rosedale, program chairman; Mrs. Russell Bush, Jr., Columbia, secretary.

Bob Harrington To Conduct Area-Wide Crusade In Coliseum

Evangelist Bob Harrington will conduct an area-wide Crusade for Christ in the Mississippi Coliseum June 23-30.



Rev. Paul B. Williamson, Jr., of Plain general chairman, said that music will be under direction of Jack Price.

The Crusade will open Sunday afternoon, June 23.

Harrington Evangelist Harrington will speak the morning of June 23 at the Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson and will be the speaker at the Richland Baptist Church, Highway 40 south at Plain, at the night service.

The steering committee of the Crusade is composed of 29 pastors and laymen in the Jackson area.

Lolley Is Elected Southeastern Prexy

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP) — Randall Lolley, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., has been named to succeed Olin T. Binkley as president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here, Aug. 1.

Lolley, 42, a Southern Seminary alumnus, was elected unanimously in a special session of the seminary's trustees here.

A native of Troy, Ala., Lolley graduated from high school in Samson, Ala., earned a bachelor of arts degree from Samford University, Birmingham; bachelor of divinity and master of theology degrees at Southeastern Seminary, and a doctor of theology degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. (Continued On Page 3)



WIN School: Rhodesia

SALISBURY, Rhodesia — Luther Slay, pastor of Faith Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., and former Mississippian, leads a morning session of the Witness Involvement Now (WIN) clinic conducted for two weeks — one week here and one week in Bulawayo, Rhodesia — by Slay and layman Bill Childs, also of Faith Church. Morning sessions were attended by pastors, church leaders and missionaries who will be going back to their own churches in Rhodesia.

where the meetings were held. This program of training is part of preparation for the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade to be held in the Baptist churches of Rhodesia, August 11-25. tary-treasurer; Mrs. Harvey Leake, Woodville, historian; Mrs. Jacqueline Payne, Jackson, publicity chairman; Rev. Bryant Cummings, Sunday School Department, ex officio.

Baptist Seminary Commencement Is Scheduled For May 31

Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Delta Drive, Jackson, will have its thirty-first Annual Commencement exercises on Friday, May 31, at 11 A.M., announces Dr. T. B. Brown, president.



The Seminary will have its largest graduating class, a total of 203 from the various centers of the state.

The service is scheduled to be at

Fairbanks, Alaska. He is a veteran of twenty years service in the U. S. Air Force. He has been a pastor in Anchorage, Alaska since 1968.

He is active in the Southern Baptist Association in the state of Alaska and moderator of the Chugach Baptist Association. He served on the Alaska Association Executive Board as chairman of the Finance Committee.

He organized the Mountain View Neighborhood Council, and served as director of Sickle Cell Program.

Scheduled June 24-28

NASHVILLE — A writers workshop offering practical training in curriculum and article writing, will be conducted at the Baptist Sunday School Board here June 24-28.

For registration, and information contact Lynn M. Davis Jr., 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn., 37234. The workshop is limited to 40 persons.

E. Ridgeway Street, Dr. J. C. Matthews, pastor and acting Dean of Central Center, rather than at the Seminary as planned.

John Williams, Jr., pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church in Anchorage, Alaska will be the Commencement speaker. Mr. Lyons is a native of Burnsville, Alabama where he attended elementary and high school. He has done ministerial training in

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at reduces all of life to the common-
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ture of man; rationalism that sets
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e universe and seeks salvation in

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Stressing that man's fundamental
adjustment is not to nature or soci-
ety, but to God, Dr. Kelly said "If ed-
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view of the human person, take into
account his divine origin and destiny,
the fact that he has been created in
the image of God and that his heart
will be restless until it finds rest in
God."

"The Christian college insists that
to vocational competence must be
added skill in the fine art of living.
Christian educators believe that know-
ing how to live is just as important

as knowing how to make a living. A
man is essentially a monstrosity if he
is skilled in asking questions "but
deeply disturbed because he knows no
answers."

"If your education has been cut ac-
cording to the pattern intended, you
should at this commencement begin
moving an exciting encounter with
serendipity," said Dr. Kelly. He de-

BEIRUT, Lebanon — William
T. (Pete) Dunn, Southern Baptist
missionary and director of the Baptist
Center of Radio and Television here,
was guest of honor with three other
broadcasters in the Middle East Com-
munications Fellowship at a recep-

tion recently commemorating the 1-
00th program aired by Baptists in
cooperation with other religious
broadcasters. The reception was
hosted by Cyprus Broadcasting Cor-
poration at the Hilton Hotel in Nico-
sia.

Giving the invocation at the com-
mencement exercises was Dr. Charles
L. McKay, pastor of the First South-
ern Baptist Church of Scottsdale, Ari-
zona, while Rev. Charles Gentry, pas-
tor of Morrison Heights Church, Clin-
ton, gave the benediction.



This elderly woman finds it hard to
t back the tears as she receives
small amount of grain for her fam-
y. Southern Baptist missionaries
mine-stricken Maradi, Niger, try
sperately to reach the starving and
ry sick. They are encouraging the
ople to show them the ones who are
weak to stand in line for food or
edicine.



When Southern Baptist missionaries
working in Maradi, Niger, received a
shipment of food containing a sack of
beans, partially eaten by bugs, this
boy begged for the bag — bugs and
all. He has been treated for menin-
gitis symptoms and is now able to go
from place to place selling the grass
mats his family makes. (BP) photos
by Rachel Bandy.



Mariana had already lost two chil-
dren to the famine in Niger when mis-
sionaries found her. They taught Mar-
iana to spoon-feed her other baby with
liquids and medicines until it could
regain its strength. Now the mis-
sionaries say that they find inspira-
tion in her smile, a smile of grati-
tude that the life of this last child has
been saved. Oumarou Youssoufou, a
government official instrumental in
establishing Baptist work here, often
goes with the missionaries when they
preach. He says of Mariana, "oh what
a smile she would have if she knew
our Lord."



Asana, like any little girl, loves new
dresses and chocolate milk. The Sou-
thern Baptist missionaries working in
Maradi, Niger, have given both to
Asana. Asana was very ill with mea-
sles, a disease often fatal to the star-
ving children, when the missionaries
found her. She was treated for mal-
nutrition and measles, given a "new"
dress from used clothing from Niger-
ia and given a chocolate milk suppl-
ment donated by the Carnation milk
company. Often the missionaries
would find her covered with camel
manure or a powdery paste because
the parents thought it would help.

Famine In Africa Spreads

Cooper Views Years As President Of SBC

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we're always challenging us to broaden
our horizons and maybe to a little
reater involvement in social minis-
tries and programs.

And then there are those who al-
ways call us back to the "fundamen-
ls" of the Bible.

I do not see either of these forces
assuming the proportions that they
ill be actually divisive to any sub-
stantial extent among Southern Bap-
tists.

Q—Do you have any regrets about
things that have happened in Southern
baptist life within the last two years?
r do you see any trends in Southern
baptist life that you don't like?

A — My biggest regret would be
at Southern Baptists have not be-
come more meaningfully involv-
ed in the program of "reconciliation
through Jesus Christ" sponsored by
the Baptist World Alliance. Almost 100
baptist groups are involved in the
program.

Southern Baptists have the greatest
eservoir of know-how and techni-
ues in evangelism and missions of
any religious body in the world. This
n't something we should hoard but
should share with others.

One way to share it is to get in-
olved in the programs that cross de-
ominational lines, such as this one.

I would have wished our baptisms
his year (1973-74) would have ex-
ceeded the most we've ever had.

look forward to the time when we
ave one-half million baptisms. But

we're going to have to work hard on
it. The population decline means
there will be fewer children from Bap-
tist families and homes to baptize
in the future.

Q—What hopes do you have for Sou-
thern Baptists' future?

A — My hope is that we will mea-
sure up more nearly to our poten-
tial. I think probably Southern Bap-
tists' greatest enemy is success, not
theological differences.

My hope is that we will reverse
the trend of giving a smaller propo-
tion of our income. Ten years ago, we
were giving 2.2 per cent of our in-
come, and the last figures I saw we
were giving about 1.9 per cent.

We've got to give more to offset in-
flation and to expand.

I also hope we can increase the
areas in which we have missionar-
ies and increase the number of mis-
sionaries at home and abroad. We
have the resources and potential to
claim the lives of more people and to
send more people out as missionaries.

Then I have great hopes for the in-
volvement of multitudes of lay peo-
ple. These people are available. We
have 80,000 people who retire every
year. Great numbers of students are
graduated from Baptist colleges. I
feel that we should have an "employ-
ment agency" to help graduates find
secular employment in places where
they can serve Christ.

Another hope is that we will go all
out in carrying the gospel to the Nor-
theast section of the country. If you

drew a line from Chicago to St. Louis
and over to Norfolk, Va., you'd take
in about one-sixth of the land area of
the country, but one-half of the peo-
ple. And I'm told that 45 per cent of
those people are unchurched.

Q — Would you comment on your
view of the Cooperative Program's
role in Southern Baptist life today,
particularly in light of the coming
50th anniversary of the Cooperative
Program in 1975.

My understanding is that of the
undesignated dollar that comes into a
church, 91 cents stays in the local
church; six cents of it goes to the
Baptist state convention and three
cents goes to Southern Baptist con-
vention causes.

Most Effective Way

The Cooperative Program (unified
budget of Southern Baptists) has pro-
ved to be the most effective way of
channeling our support for our mis-
sionary agencies and other agencies of
the convention. I think the average
church needs to review its giving th-
rough the Cooperative Program. After
all, these agencies of the SBC and
states are just extensions of the lo-
cal church.

And when the local church cuts the
Cooperative Program, you just reduce
the number and effectiveness of our
foreign or home mission commitment
for Christ. Personally, I believe that
a church should give at least 10 per
cent to the Cooperative Program.

I trust that by 1975 when the Co-
operative Program will be 50 years

old, we will be giving \$150 million that
year through the Cooperative Pro-
gram to sustain these great mission
and evangelistic and training agen-
cies of the Southern Baptist Con-
vention.

Q—How much time and travel has
the Southern Baptist Convention presi-
dency taken?

A — I made myself available in the
fall of 1972 almost full time for this
task. Before the SBC in Dallas, Mrs.
Cooper and I will have visited each of
the 50 states and we've been on five
continents. I estimate I've been aver-
aging about 400 miles a day.

Q—What are your plans after leav-
ing the SBC presidency this year?

A—I will re-retire, and then will re-
view the situation. I am working with
the Baptist World Alliance men's de-
partment, trying to help strengthen
that organization. I am president of
the Pan American Union of Baptist
Men and I will be giving more time
to that.

I am very much interested in In-
dia, and the Lord willing, I hope
to participate in some programs that
will bring the gospel to more people in
India. I will continue serving on the
board of directors of several compan-
ies.

Mrs. Cooper and I now want to tra-
vel "leisurely." We want to enjoy our
children and grandchildren and our
local church. Maybe I'll play a little
more golf.

Thursday, May 23, 1974

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One Day Retreat Planned For Persons Concerned With Mentally Retarded

Camp Garaywa will be the setting for a one-day retreat for all persons
interested in the mentally retarded on Saturday, May 25, from 10 a.m.
until 4 p.m.

Dr. Paul Cotton, director of the Ellisville State School, and Mrs. Doris
Monroe, consultant, work with exceptional persons, Baptist Sunday School
Board, will lead conferences.

Target groups especially urged to attend are church-related teachers and
parents of mentally retarded persons.

Activities to help the retarded boys and girls who come with their par-
ents have a real "fun" day have been planned by capable teachers. These
activities will be under the direction of Mrs. Thomas Bryant of Calvary,
Jackson, and Mrs. Merle Crumpton of Alta Woods Church, Jackson. No pro-
vision will be made for other children.

This retreat is sponsored by the Church Training Department of the
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Criswell To Urge SBC Name Change Study

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ka to Hawaii and it could include, he
continued, those "churches in Cana-
da who cooperate with us."

"In doctrine, in faithfulness to the
Word of God, in evangelistic out-
reach and in zeal for the conversion
of the lost to Christ, I pray that we
shall ever remain the same. But in
methods, approaches and abilities to
use new and more effective means, I
could pray that we be up to the lat-
est minute, abreast of the times,
serving our Lord in our generation,"
he wrote.

Criswell acknowledged in the in-
terview that the "same prejudices (link-
ing 'Southern' to a doctrinal position)
which have destroyed our ability to
change our name in past attempts"
will be a factor in Dallas.

But he said that if Southern Baptist
state papers and other media and

leaders of Southern Baptist agencies
would support the move and explain
it carefully, Southern Baptists would
appoint the committee to study the
possibility and the name change
would eventually occur.

Hurt's editorial noted, "Our pref-
erence might not be confined to
Criswell's 'Continental Baptist Con-
vention' nor do we think it is that or
nothing insofar as he is concerned."

But the editorial enthusiastically
supported the name change and
commented that Hurt had "tried sev-
eral times" to launch an effort to get
action on a name change "without a
hint of success."

"Those who deal with the secular
press," the Baptist editor said, "have
never satisfactorily explained that
'Southern' label on our convention. It
is a bit difficult, in fact impossible, to
argue 'Southern' is a doctrinal distinc-
tion when Webster's dictionary con-
fines itself to geographical terms:olo-
gy."

"Anybody want to join us in urging
Criswell to make a motion at the con-
vention for a committee to study and
recommend?" the editorial concluded.

Lolley Is Elected

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He was awarded an honorary doctor of
divinity degree from Wake Forest
University in 1971.

Lolley held student pastorates in
Alabama and North Carolina, and
served as associate pastor of both
First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.
C., and Broadway Baptist Church,
Fort Worth, before becoming pastor
of the Winston-Salem 2,500-member
First Baptist Church in 1962.

Active in Southern Baptist denom-
inational life, he has served since 1969
as a member of the Executive Com-
mittee of the Southern Baptist Con-
vention, and was chairman of the SBC
resolutions committee in 1970. He is
a former president of the North Car-
olina Baptist Pastors' Conference and
a member of the board of trustees of
Campbell College, a Baptist school in
Bues Creek, N. C.

At Southeastern as a student, Lolley
maintained a grade point ratio of
3.0 on a 3.0 scale and served as presi-
dent of the student body.



New President, Historical Society

Walter B. Shurden, left, new presi-
dent of the Southern Baptist Histori-
cal Society, received the gavel at
leadership from R. A. McLemore, re-
tiring president, at the annual meet-
ing of the Historical Commission and
the Southern Baptist Historical Soci-
ety in Nashville. — Historical Com-
mission, SBC, photo.

Mrs. Harry Spencer Dies In Jackson

Mrs. Harry Lee Spencer, wife of a
retired Baptist minister, died unex-
pectedly late Friday night, May 17,
at Baptist Hospital, Jackson. Her hus-
band was for many years before his
retirement executive secretary of the
Miss. Baptist Foundation.

Funeral services were Monday,
May 20, in the Wright and Ferguson
Chapel with Dr. Franklin D. Pollard
and Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins
officiating.

Survivors are: her husband; one
daughter, Mrs. Dan A. (Grace) Clem-
son of Ft. Worth, Texas; two sons,
Harry Lee Spencer, Jr., of Huntsville,
Ala. and Dr. John Clayton Spencer,
of Pleasanton, Texas; seven grand-
children and two great-grandchildren;
one sister; and two brothers.

Mrs. Spencer was the former Ethel
Jenkins of Carroll County. She was
educated at MSCW and Baylor Uni-
versity and received a diploma from
Southwestern Seminary.

In 1917 she married Mr. Spencer.
Since 1950 she had lived in Jackson
where she was a member of First
Baptist Church, active in the WMU.

SBC Cooperative

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months of the 1973-74 fiscal year.

Overall contributions — designated
and undesignated — recorded an 11.38
percent increase for the year to date
and a 5.09 per cent increase this
April over last April.

Total overall receipts for the year
to date, Williams said, rose from \$41-
822,592 last year to \$46,580,765 this
year. Comparative months show that
Southern Baptists gave \$5,707,873 over-
all in April of 1973 and increased that
amount to \$5,998,658 this April.

65-Plus Retreat Held At Garaywa

By Barbara Taylor

If someone were to ask you,
"How old would you like to be
if you could be any age you
wish?" what would your answer
be?

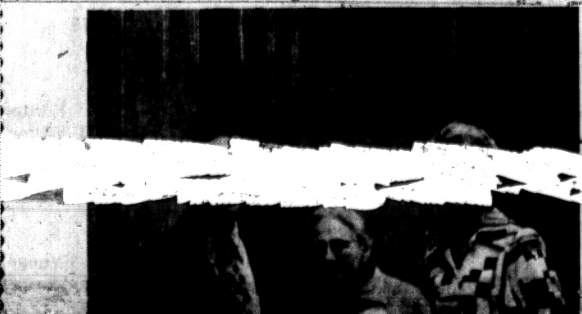
This past week my answer

would have been, "Sixty-five or
older." For it was ladies of this
age group who enjoyed a deligh-
tful retreat at Camp Garaywa,
May 13-15.

Miss Ethel McKeithen, Bap-
tist Women Director for Missis-

siippi WMU, had planned a re-
freshing and relaxing time of Bi-
ble study, of fellowship, of shar-
ing lovely handmade crafts, of
visiting with others who were en-
joying this time at Garaywa.

Periods of Bible study were



Leading Bible study during the retreat was Dr.
Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway Church, Jackson.
Pictured with him are Mrs. Lula McKeithen and
her daughter, Miss Ethel McKeithen, state Baptist
Women director.



Miss Ethel McKeithen, right, tells the itinerary for
the Northeast Mission Tour to be in October. Listen-
ing as Miss McKeithen explains plans for this trip
are, at left, Mrs. Otto Bell, Crystal Springs, and
Miss Edwina Robinson, Jackson.



Pictured at left are the ladies during an "autograph
hunt" and at right is one team during the "crochet
relay."



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EDITORIAL Editorial Briefs

If it was my privilege to attend the annual meeting of the Evangelical Press Association in Colorado Springs the first week in May. Associated Church Press, in which the BR also holds membership, met in Denver two weeks earlier, but it was not possible to attend that.

The EPA meeting revealed the growth and advance of the evangelical witness in our day. The organization is comprised of more than 200 evangelical periodicals and publishers, both denominational and non-denominational. While the liberally oriented publications and groups mostly are having serious problems today, those in the conservative, evangelical field continue to prosper. A speaker at the meeting told of what is happening in the field of religious book publishing, with the conservative publishers mostly booming in growth and outreach, while the liberal firms, especially those related to liberal denominations, are having serious problems.

Dealing with the same subject the current issue of Christianity Today comments on the denominational statistics revealed in the 1974 edition of the Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches, published by the National Council of Churches. The magazine says, "If any trend is shown by the new figures, the NCC said, it is that the older, so-called mainline Protestant denominations continue to lose members, while theologically conservative or strongly evangelistic groups are generally gaining." Of all of the "mainline" denominations, Southern Baptists are the only group reported as making gains. This same fact has been discussed in numerous recent books and studies.

All of this should present a clear message to Southern Baptists, that they must not listen to any individual or group which would attempt to lead them away from their long held, conservative theological position. To move away from that would be the kiss of

death, for it is clear that Southern Baptists will remain strong and continue to grow, only as long as they remain conservative.

Recently, during a Bible Conference at Calvary Church, Meridian, where Otis Seal is pastor, I heard Dr. Lehman Strauss, nationally known Baptist Bible teacher and writer, make the following statement: "The Word, without the Spirit, means dead orthodoxy; the Spirit, without the Word, means wild fanaticism." That impressed me as being a world of truth in a few words, especially appropriate right now, when some people would have us build a theology of the Holy Spirit's work on human experience, rather than on the Word of God. Incidentally, Dr. Strauss is the author of many outstanding Bible expositions, and we intend to review several of them as a group in an early issue.

Late last month we had the privilege of attending a dinner honoring Dr. John Allen, Episcopal Bishop of Mississippi, for the past several years, who now has been elevated to the position of Bishop of the Episcopal Church for the whole nation. The dinner was attended by Christian leaders and citizens from across the state, and from several other states. It was a worthy testimonial to a man who has given outstanding Christian leadership to his denomination in this state, and has worked closely with other Christian groups, in the wider Christian witness.

For several years a small group of Christian leaders has been working on the idea of bringing Billy Graham back to Jackson. He held a crusade here in the early '50s, and many feel that there is a need for his return now. The unofficial group which has quietly been working on the matter, has been headed by business executive and Baptist layman, James Carr. Several contacts have been made with Dr. Graham and his team leaders and officials, and assurance has been given that serious

consideration is being given to another Mississippi crusade, sometime in the near future. When something more definite is known by the group, its efforts will be enlarged and given full publicity. Right now, probably the most important thing that most Christians who wish to see such a crusade, can do, is to pray. Pray earnestly that if it is God's will for them to do so, Dr. Graham and the team will be led to return to our state.

Many people long have believed that the ark of Noah was still under the glaciers on Mt. Ararat, and interest in this has been greatly intensified in recent years, when expeditions have climbed the mountain, and reports have come of actually finding large timbers and even a boat. Photographs, both from the ground level and from the air, have seemed to indicate that some large wooden object definitely is there. We heard an outstanding scholar in Israel speak of a news release which said that space satellite photos revealed some object under the ice, and a news article last week confirmed that report. Numerous books have been written on the subject, and there seem to be solid evidences that the object, which presumably is the ark, is there, in an almost inaccessible place, at about the 14,000 foot level of the mountain. Tremendous difficulties have hindered expeditions of recent years from reaching the spot, and fully confirming the reports. Now the Turkish government has closed the mountain to all foreign travelers, so that planned expeditions for this year will have to be cancelled. Perhaps at some later time, the search can be resumed. It will be quite a confirmation of the Biblical story of the flood, if the remains of the ark actually are found. Bible believing people, however, do not need the finding of the ruins of the old boat, to confirm their belief. After all, Jesus spoke of Noah and the flood which destroyed most of the race. If he believed it, we certainly have no problem doing so.

NEWEST BOOKS

A GUIDE FOR OLD TESTAMENT STUDY by William W. Stevens (Broadman, paper, 232 pp., plus a 31-page "Student Manual") This new book is a Bible-centered history of the Hebrew people enriched by material from ancient documents. The author, chairman of the Division of Religion at Mississippi College, is also the author of two other books that are already in wide use. Written primarily as a textbook for Bible classes in secondary schools, "A Guide for Old Testament Study" will help any Bible student to gather up the diverse books of the Old Testament into a single, understandable, and dynamic narrative. "The book has been written as a guide for both teachers and pupils who want information and knowledge fast," feels Dr. Stevens, "and we think it will be an excellent resource for church libraries as well." The book is illustrated with black and white photographs.

19 FASTEST-GROWING SOUTHERN BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOLS by Eugene Skelton (Broadman, 160 pp., paper). Eugene Skelton is a former Mississippian who now is on the staff of the Sunday School Board. In this book he tells of Southern Baptist Sunday School growth as it is revealed in a multitude of churches, but especially in 10 whose growth has been outstanding. Here are found great city churches, but alongside them are rural churches, village churches, and suburban churches. As one reads the pages he finds that the same great principles of Sunday School building are at work in each church, although they may be applied in different ways. This is a thrilling story of what God is doing for Southern Baptists and what he can do in far more of the churches. One Mississippi church, Ridgeland, is included among the ten fastest growing.

THE COMING OF THE KING by Joe T. Odle, with Introduction by R. G. Lee (Broadman, paper, 128 pp., \$1.95) The editor of the Baptist Record is author of this new book concerning "events surrounding the coronation of the King of Kings." Dr. Odle writes like he talks—and as his messages move the listener, so the dramatic words of this book will stir the reader. Especially is this true in the pages of the Foreword where he writes, with awe, of the coming King.

This "primer on Bible truth concerning the second coming of Christ" was written after Dr. Odle participated in Bible conferences in which he presented messages covering the whole prophetic picture of the Bible. His effort "to present eschatological truth so that the average church member could understand it" has been successful. The book is clear and convincing, very easy to read and to understand. It is interesting and informative from the first chapter on the Bible as a book of prophecy, to the last chapter, "Getting Ready for the Lord's Return."

In the Introduction, Dr. R. G. Lee says, "I have read many books and reviewed a number of manuscripts which deal with the second coming of Christ to this earth. But of all I have read, this book *The Coming of the King*, is best. . . . This book is an invaluable mine of information about the second coming of Christ and other realities people need to know."

Standing for the premillennial view of the Second Coming, Dr. Odle is not dogmatic, but writes his own conclusions. A diligent and earnest student of Bible prophecy, he presents the coming of the King.

Those who have read Dr. Odle's book, *Is Christ Coming Soon?*—also a Broadman release—will not want to miss *The Coming of the King*. As Dr. Lee pointed out: "How true are the author's own words: 'Just as all the prophecies concerning Christ's first coming were fulfilled literally, there is every reason to believe that all the prophecies that relate to the second coming will be fulfilled just as completely and just as perfectly.'" (AWM)

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO NORTON by Grady Nutt (Broadman, paper, 95pp.) Grady Nutt is a Southern Baptist preacher who has become widely known for his ability in the field of professional entertainment, a field where he has worked for the past five years. Here he gives an unusual presentation in poetic form of some of the great experiences in the life of Christ. The book is most unusual in its approach but refreshing in its presentation. The word Norton carries one back to Norton Hall at Louisville Seminary, where the author took his training and where he served on the staff for sometime.

WHERE HE LEADS by Dale Evans Rogers (Fleming H. Revell, 126 pp., \$3.95). This is a personal sharing of his experiences during

Holy Land, where Jesus actually walked, she openly relates her emotional and spiritual reactions to such places as Bethlehem, the Garden of Gethsemane, and the garden tomb. She does not write simply as a tourist, but writes an inspiring guidebook for the Christian as she reveals her inmost thoughts, hopes, and dreams. The book is a sort of summary of her life's purpose and philosophy.

FOR PREACHERS ONLY by Lee Roberson (Sword of the Lord, 223 pp., \$3.50) Twenty-one sermons by the well-known author. The sermons are in three sections, The Anchor Series, Dynamic Verses, and the School of Prayer. The first section includes subjects such as "The Story of the Lonely Hill," and "The World Is Waiting." The second has such tremendous subjects as "Salvation," "Faith," and "Prayer," with the last section concluding with a strong message on "Barricades to Successful Prayer."

NEXUS: DISCOVERING SPIRITUAL GIFTS (Convention Press, \$6.95) A kit of personal and group learning activities to assist church leaders and potential leaders in discovering, interpreting, and channeling spiritual gifts through church organizations. Spiritual gifts listed on the "Nexus" circle are divided into four divisions—fellowship and group life; nurturing others; ministry in the world; and the inner life of the Spirit. The word, "Nexus," means (1) connection, innerconnection, tie, or link, and (2) a connected group or series, and refers to Colossians 1:17 RSV: "He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."

EXPOSITION OF SECOND TIMOTHY by N. A. Woychuk (Fleming H. Revell, 172 pp., \$4.50) This exposition of the final letter of Paul to Timothy, written during his imprisonment in Rome, is a masterpiece of biblical scholarship and spiritual insight.

Heaven divided into eight major sections, among them "Reviewing the Blessings of the Gospel," "Strengthening the Man of God," "Exposing False Principles," and "Preaching the Word." This treatise will meet the needs of the most exacting Bible student. It is both inspirational and practical.

On The MORAL SCENE...

GAS-CRISIS FUELISHNESS—"The gasoline shortage has had some ironic results in Washington officialdom." Two Senate leaders, Democrat Mike Mansfield and Republican Hugh Scott, decided they would replace their official Cadillac limousines with smaller cars to conserve fuel. The replacements were Chrysler Imperials. Gas shortage or not, smaller cars apparently are suspect. "When Russell Peterson, chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality, arrived at a State Department dinner in his chauffeur-driven Pinto, the police refused to let the economy-sized car into the official parking lot."

Newsweek, May 6, 1974

"Discomfort Index" Soars—"Never before has the 'discomfort index' in the United States—a measure of our economic misery—been as high as it is right now. . . . The 'discomfort index,' invented by Arthur M. Okun, . . . consists of two key figures which measure our well-being: the rate of unemployment and the rise in the official consumer price or cost of living index." The present discomfort index is now higher than during the "miseries of the four previous recessions of the post-World War II era as well as the violent inflationary blow-off following removal of World War II's price controls. What's more, our discomfort will get worse, during this first half of 1974 at least. We are into a phase of murderous inflation, spreading unemployment and increasing business bankruptcies, particularly among such small, vulnerable enterprises as independent gas



BEING PUT UP FOR DECORATION

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Sees Positive Side Of Bus Ministry

Dear Mr. Odle:

We have been in the bus ministry at our church for approximately 1 1/2 years. Each Sunday more than 100 young people and children ride three buses to Sunday School and children's worship. Many of these have come to know the Lord, and their parents are now actively supporting the church as teachers, officers, or in other areas. The bus ministry is one of many tools that has been provided to spread the Gospel.

Christ told us in John 4:35; the fields were white for the harvest. This is still true today. Luke 10:2 says that the Lord will send for the laborers into the harvest.

It is my sincere belief and prayer that all who are involved in the bus ministry feel that they are following His command.

Pray with us that we will soon have two more to expand our bus ministry and continue to meet the spiritual needs of others in our city.

William E. Parker ("Bill")
Bus Driver
Pearson Baptist Church
Pearl, Miss.

Disabled Veteran Desires Mail

Dear Sir:

It has been a long and dreary winter for me since I am disabled. I used to live in Jackson, in 1957 for 11 months. It would make me very happy if you the editor would please have my letter published in the Baptist Record.

I am a disabled veteran of World War 2. I had four operations before I had my left leg and I had seven

and I may lose it, too.

It would make me very happy to receive get-well cards and letters or birthday cards. My birthday is on the 10th of April. I was 49 years old this year. Since I am disabled, it makes me very happy to receive mail.

Albert Yurosky
334 North McDonald St.
McDonald, Pa. 15057

N. Y. Church Needs

Kindergarten Director

Dear Editor:

Our church is serving the inner-city of New York. Both our co-pastors are appointed by the Church Extension Dept. of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

The City of New York is cracking down on us, and we have to employ additional personnel. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated in placing the "meat" of the following in your paper, either in "Letters" or some other part of your paper.

We need a non-teaching director of Day Care - Kindergarten. We have 200 plus children enrolled. Director must possess at least a BA in Elementary Education with a major in Early Childhood Education. He/she must also have a minimum of 2 years experience as a group teacher of a certified pre-school group, and be able to be certified by the N. Y. State Board of Education. Starting salary is \$8500.00 to \$9000.00. We also need 2 teachers with the same educational requirements, no experience necessary. Starting salary for this position is \$7540.00. Applicants, who are dedicated Christians, can apply to Mack Adams, 87-10 162 St., Jamaica, N.Y. 11432.

stations, resort hotels and motels, roadside food stands. . . . At this stage, about all you can do is bear it and try to beat it as best you can. This, in turn, means buying more intelligently than ever before and using every common sense rule you can think of to protect your job and business."—Atlanta Journal, March 8, 1974



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

—Wilda Fancher

The day was one of those very rare ones for us at this stage of our family's development—all five of us were home a Saturday or so ago. The middle son came into our bedroom carrying a plastic carton of malted milk balls, asking, "Whose are these?"

The head of the house said, "You may take them back to M.C. with you if you'd like."

Frank said, "Thanks." Then he sat on our bed and began to eat them. "Look what I can do; I'm very talented," he said, as he threw ball after ball into the air and caught each in his mouth the way folks do popcorn.

"Great," said the neck of the house (that's me; the neck turns the head, you know). "What else have you learned in your \$2,000-worth of college this year?"

He reached down to tie his shoe. "Aw, come on, Frank. You already knew how to tie your shoes before you went to college," I teased.

All of us laughed and did not pursue the extent of knowledge acquired during this freshman year. But I think about it every once in a while, and I know it's one of those things you really can't measure. Sometimes folks try to do so by counting the quality points or the list of extra-curricular activities, or the number of new friends, or the amount of money earned toward expenses, or other things that seem important to the measurer.

While all of these help to assess the year's worth, I have an idea that the most valuable things a college freshman learns have to do with himself. The freedom of having no supervision at all, unless he gets into trouble, lets him find out what he's

boys who have made it through their freshman years reasonably intact, I speak strongly for a few guidelines for freshmen boys as a transition from home guidelines. Then unrestricted freedom can be their way of life the sophomore year. More of them would be around for the sophomore year. More would be in better shape academically. Entirely too many fine eighteen-year-old boys can't quite cope with themselves in a sudden total freedom. Old-fashioned? So are diphtheria shots and fried chicken. Now I'll step down from my soap box.

He also learns more about people and himself, meeting all kinds in a close knit situation, reacting to them without parental counsel or interference. He makes decisions, good and bad. He tries and fails. He tries and succeeds.

He can't wait for school to be out. But he feels homesick for college before a week's passing.

While that's going on, Mama carves another notch in his growing-up stick.

Hers, too.

A. W. TOZER: We can afford to suffer now; we'll have a long eternity to enjoy ourselves.

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The Real Glory Of Glorieta: 'We Teach People How To Love'

By Jerry Lipman

High in the historic Sangre de Cristo Mountains near Santa Fe, N. M., Glorieta Pass slumbers under the bleaching sun.

Marked by nature as a place of repose, it scarcely resembles a site where uniformed men, caught up in the madness of a nation's war with itself, met little more than a century ago to hurl hurricanes of fire and steel at one another, and to die in soft grasses and dappled sunlight.

Today, in a newer century, the wrath of its past has yielded to an air of reverence, fueled by the love and faith of thousands of young men and women who travel there each summer to test themselves and grow tall during six-week interludes of growth and God in the new Mexico Rockies.

Their destination: Glorieta Baptist Assembly, one of but two such assemblies of Southern Baptists. The other is near Ridgecrest, N. C.

Owned by the Southern Baptist Convention and operated by the Baptist Sunday School Board since its 1952 opening, the assembly is a church leadership training center for adults, with rotating summer staffs composed largely of high school and college students from throughout America.

Whether to work or study, however, a visit to Glorieta, for adults or youth, inescapably is a spiritual pilgrimage, a journey of development and learning and, always, of faith.

Situated 7,500 feet high in Glorieta Pass, 19 miles southeast of Santa Fe, the assembly boasts more than 100 buildings (including residences and a 3,600-seat auditorium) on a 2,500-acre site, with current valuation of well over \$7 million.

Its formal programs involve a series of week-long conferences, each attended by an average of more than 2,000 persons. As many as 25,000 or more may register during a typical summer season. Experienced Southern Baptist personnel working in the subject areas of various weekly conferences donate their services as conference leaders.

Even more compelling, though, is an overall atmosphere of religious conviction and religious purpose that overhangs the encampment, involving the adult visitors but also permitting the youthful staffers to feel they aren't left out of the Glorieta mission.

And the most eloquent measure of Glorieta's spirit — the best reading of the real glory of Glorieta — undoubtedly comes from those young people living its summer mountaintop idyll.

That, primarily, is what I write this article to relate.

I met one of those young people, and witnessed that spirit first-hand, during my own summertime pilgrimage to Glorieta. And with the glow and inspiration from that experience now having lasted undiminished within me for a very lengthy eight years — while I personally am neither Baptist nor terribly reverent in my private life — I feel it sufficiently valid and time-tested to share with the world.

Shimmering heat waves spun an iridescent gown over the mountains on the hot July day in 1966 when I arrived at Glorieta. I was a young newspaper reporter then, headquartered in Albuquerque, N. M., during my first summer out from college, and assigned to write a story about Glorieta Baptist Assembly. My hostess for the day was Sue Hancock, then, a poised, pretty, 20-year-old coed

from Lubbock, Tex., serving as Glorieta's public relations staff before beginning her junior year at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

It became a day to last the years. For one magical afternoon, in Glorieta's lovely, landscaped prayer gardens, Sue Hancock wove a captivating spell as she told of the spirit that permeates the place and the people who come there seeking its enchantment and its deepest meanings. Here is her description of the essence of Glorieta:

"Here at Glorieta, we're training for the battlefield. This isn't a resort. We're training to go out and meet the world. We can't train people to say, 'We'll come to you and help you do something for yourself.'"

"We're on a mountain here, and we have a 'mountaintop experience.' When we leave, we hit the valley. Kids leave here after an ideal experience and go back where there aren't many Christians, and they come apart."

"A lot of people come here to be apart from the dirt and sham of the world. But Glorieta isn't meant to harbor people. One of the main things we do here is to teach people how to love. If a person knows you love him, you can criticize and re-build him, and he can take it. For all your shouting, it's nothing until you have a face-to-face experience with him and he can respond to it."

"I guess most people find a genuine inspiration here, which they try to express in church. But you can't stay in the Prayer Garden forever, so sometimes when you need to express things most, you find yourself in church."

"When I think about Christ spending 40 days in the wilderness, it doesn't seem so strange for us to be up here for six weeks."

"Many of our staffers are just out of high school, and this gives them an advantage. The schools they'll attend won't be like here, and they'll be shocked to death. But maybe something that happened here will help them face the pressures. If so, one of Glorieta's greatest assets is what it endows its people with. The worst thing that can happen is for someone to leave, and leave his mind here."

"When adults see our wonderful group of youthful staffers, they don't feel so bad about letting go of the world to us."

"You're as emotional here as your relationship to God requires, and it depends on how far apart you've been."

"Nobody comes here without getting back to the world. No matter where you are, you drift away from it. That's the way the world works on you."

"We'll have a big new auditorium here, but unless someone gets a glimpse of God there, it won't make any difference, and it might as well be a tent."

"The 'glory of Glorieta' is that it's a place to go to get away. The sad thing is when people come here and stay. Mentally, they're still up here on the mountain. So many people come here and have a 'mountaintop experience' and reach God, and when they get back to the city, they have a letdown. They lose the 'glow,' and think it was a false experience."

"What they don't realize is that for a moment they did touch God. He didn't let go. They did. So they just live until they can get back here again. The biggest thing there is to Glorieta is what's in the heart of the person."

Jerry And Carol Simon Of Uganda

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

After three years as missionaries in Uganda, Carol and Jerry Simon are on furlough in Mississippi. One thing they've been doing this year that other missionaries on furlough in the state have not is taking care of a new baby. They arrived in the States September, 1973, and their daughter, Kimberly, was born January 27, 1974 — to the delight of her two brothers.

The Simons are living in Broadmoor, Jackson's missionary house at 715 East Northside Drive, only 1/2 block from the church. Conveniently, five-year-old Barry can go to the Broadmoor day care center. Seven-year-old Greg is in second grade at Boyd School. His mother taught him first grade in Africa. "I like this school in Jackson better," he told his mother. "Your school didn't have a name!" He likes being with the others in his age group.

"The two biggest problems of furloughing missionaries are finding transportation and finding a house," said Mr. Simon. "When Broadmoor supplied this house for us, that took away one of the big problems."

"We have found it really wonderful," his wife continued the appraisal. "We have enjoyed living here so much that we would like to return here on another furlough." She brought in dishes of pecan pie garnished with strawberries and whipped cream. "We canned these pecans to take to Africa because there are not any pecans there."

Carol Simon has accomplished something I have never heard another missionary say he or she had done (though someone might have). From

States until they returned, she wrote letters every single day to her own mother and to her husband's mother. Because of this, the grandparents (Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Martin of Causeyville Church

and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Simon of Winnsboro, La., Oak Grove Church) were able to share in an unusual way in the missionary activities and in the growth of the children.

Also the Simons regularly sent cassette tapes home concerning their work and daily lives in Africa. After their parents listened to the tapes they would send them to churches. One Christmas one tape was heard in at least 200 churches.

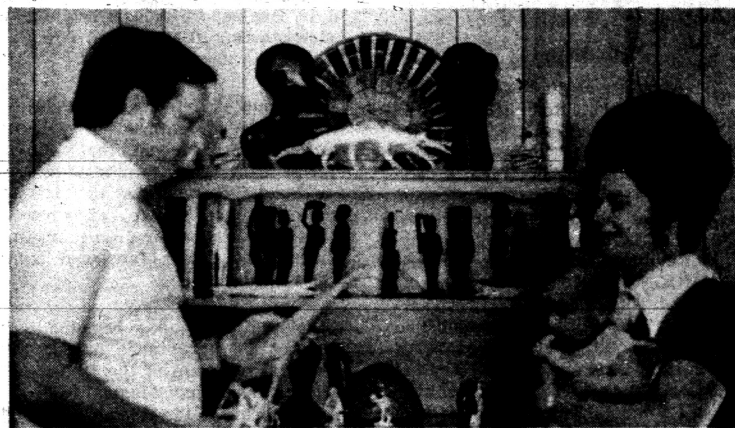
Having majored in English (and Bible) at Blue Mountain College, Mrs. Simon just naturally likes to write letters. One fall while they were in Uganda she was featured in an article in *Royal Service*. The article mentioned that she would like to hear from readers — and she got 500 letters. She answered every one personally and still writes regularly to at least 200 of those correspondents. Many of the letter writers sent gifts to the family at Christmas and on birthdays. This year they will meet many of those letter writers for the first time and plan to visit at least 25 different churches that the correspondents attend.

Though a native of Louisiana, Mr. Simon often thinks of himself as a Mississippian. He was pastor at Calvary Church, Hattiesburg when appointed, and before that was pastor of Spring Cottage Church, Columbia, from Meridian, Miss. Simon graduated from Clarke College before going to Blue Mountain, and in 1964 was summer missionary to Kenya. Both studied at New Orleans Seminary. In fact, they met during her first year there.

He had graduated from Northeast University at Monroe, La. where he majored in social work and psychology. (He liked college so well that he stayed long enough to earn 200 credits when he only needed 156 to graduate.)

What have they been doing on furlough? Besides taking care of a baby, they have had many things to occupy their time. From September to December they were in over fifty churches, in some four to five times each. From last September to the present, they estimate they have spoken to 130 to 150 churches. He was a featured speaker at the state WMU convention. Last fall he spoke at several annual associational meetings, and taught the foreign mission study book many times. He has led three world mission conferences, spoken at Brotherhood meetings, in public schools, at Sunday School rallies, revivals and WMU meetings.

He is to be camp pastor for Broadmoor boys' and girls' camp for one week at Lake Tiaik O'Khata. Also he will help in the Broadmoor day camps. The family will go to Ridgecrest Assembly for Foreign Mission Week and during that week Mr. Simon will teach the Bible study for tenth graders. This summer he is to be in three revivals, in Texas, Louisiana, and north Mississippi. They plan to attend the mission meeting to be held in Dallas prior to the SBC.



Jerry and Carol Simon and daughter, Kimberly, look at a few of their collection of African objects of art carved from wood, ivory, or cowhorn, or made from coffee beans.



Kimberly, Greg, and Barry Simon, show some of their African souvenirs.



Missionary Simon is about half as high as a Ugandan anthill.

In Texas they will also go to San Antonio. Other engagements besides Texas will take them to Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Tennessee.

Many churches have sponsored Saturday night fellowships in which the Simons have shown their slides of Uganda scenes and displays of African products and objects of art.

After August their calendar is not as full. They may be contacted for speaking engagements after that time at 715 East Northside Drive, Jackson, MS 39206.

What are their plans for the future? Mr. Simon says that because of the political situation they will not be returning to Uganda. They are considering going to Southwest Africa if they can get medical clearance to go. Their youngest son is very nearsighted, and because of this medical problem they may find it necessary to remain in the States for a while. Their furlough may be extended to December, or for a longer period of time. At this point, they are not certain of the length of time they will need to be here.

In Uganda Mr. Simon did evangelism work. While they lived at Fort Portal he conducted a local Bible school to train church leaders. Also he spent time working with pastors and laymen. Then there were 14 churches in his area. Later he was also mission treasurer. He says that was quite a job, keeping the different kinds of money separate, and keeping at least four sets of books! Of the 46 dialects spoken in the country, he studied Swahili and one or two others.

In Uganda they lived in the mountains, where the weather was very cool and they could see snow on the peaks all year. Yet the heat of the tropics was only 100 miles away. During that time they developed a family hobby — reading together as a family. From a large library of children's

books there, Mrs. Simon chose children's storybooks, and also she read Bible stories. Now the boys prefer the reading to television. (They like to play baseball and football with their father, too.) In Uganda they had a pet monkey, two dogs, and a cat. It was against the law even to have toy guns there. Now in the States Barry has suddenly taken a great interest in cowboys!

When hostilities began in Uganda and a time of upheaval and unrest came, the missionary women and children moved to Kenya in 1972. Mrs. Simon and other missionary wives stayed for six months at the Baptist assembly grounds in Limuru. The Simons then moved about March or April, 1973, to Kampala, the capital of Uganda. Finally, in June of 1973, they and other missionaries again left Uganda and moved to Kenya.

Uganda, "the cradle of the Nile," is almost twice the size of Mississippi. Southern Baptists entered the country in 1902. In 1973 the Foreign Mission Board reported 24 career missionaries there and 114 Baptist churches with 8,000 members and 128 national pastors.

At the WMU Convention in Starkville, Miss., Missionary Simon emphasized, "The three years in Uganda taught me to share Christ while the doors are open. Tomorrow may be too late."

Missionaries On Furlough In Mississippi

Missionaries now on furlough in Mississippi include the following:

Thomas and Gloria Thurman, Bangladesh, 921 Jackson Avenue, Columbia; Jimmy and Susie Hartfield, Mexico, 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson; Jerry and Carol Simon, 715 East Northside Drive, Jackson; John and Elizabeth Meritt, Germany, Box 591, Waynesboro; Cornelia Leavell, Hong Kong, 208 S. Washington Avenue, Starkville.

Missionaries to arrive on furlough in Mississippi from June through December of this year, or early next year, include the following. Their names and addresses are given with their mission addresses, and projected arrival and departure dates:

Wayne and Florence Frederick, Botte Postal 312, Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe, FWI (May '74 - May '75); John and Jean Jacobs, Box 28, Georgetown, Guyana (May '74 - May '75); William and Opal Ferrel, Dominguito Repetto, No. 327 Martinez BS-AS, Argentina (July '74 - Dec. '74); Shirley Jackson, Caixa 950-ZC-00, 20000 Rio de Janeiro, GB Brazil (July '74 - Oct. '74); Ralph and Lizette Bethea, Box 26, Kijabe, Kenya (Aug. '74 - Nov. '74); Donald and Jo Redmon, Apartado 322, San Pedro Montes, Deoca, Costa Rica (Aug. '74 - Aug. '75); Charles and Laverne Tope, Box 488, Kitale, Kenya (Aug. '74 - Nov. '74); Harry L. Raley, Box 427, Taipei 100, Taiwan (Sept. '74 - Sept. '75); Betty Hart, Casilla 197, Antofagasta, Chile (Dec. '74 - Dec. '75); Jerald and Elaine Perrelli, Casarili, Anwar 25, Jember, Indonesia (Mar. '75 - Mar. '76); Lewis and Toni Myers, Box 134, Danang, Vietnam (June, 1974 - June, 1975).

Major Question From Graham: Has U.S. Sufficient Moral Resources?

PHOENIX (RNS) — Evangelist Billy Graham has expressed reservations that America "has the spiritual and moral resources to survive."

He emphasized the need for a restoration of values in every area of society, Mr. Graham warned, "the free way of life we have known in the free world will not survive this century and perhaps not even this decade."

He declared that "we need to be told by our leaders about the real dangers of our world so that we can work together as a family does in a time of crisis. There is no longer room for everyone to live his own life as though no one else existed."

The evangelist recalled that when James Reston of The New York Times visited the People's Republic of China he found that people there were being taught moral values.

"Even the atheists of China, through scientific experimentation with people, are finding that you cannot beat the old ethic of hard work, honesty and moral integrity," Mr. Graham said. "They are saying to the Western world, which is in danger of drifting into moral chaos, 'You cannot build a strong society unless you have these values.'"

He listed eight values that Mr. Reston found the Chinese were being taught: speak politely, pay fairly for anything you damage, do not hit or swear at people, do not damage

crops, do not take liberties with women, and do not mistreat captives.

"As far as I am concerned," Mr. Graham declared, "whether we survive or not as a civilization will depend entirely upon our attitude toward God and toward the moral laws that He has instilled into the universe."

He asserted that "the primary question of this hour is: Can we hold on to the moral integrity that is the cohesive force of civilization?"

During the Depression and World War II, the evangelist said, "Americans fought back with the moral fortitude and spiritual resources needed to survive. If a world crisis should suddenly explode — and it will — are those resources available to see us through once again? Many historians, sociologists, psychologists and theologians are expressing doubt."

On a more hopeful note, Mr. Graham commented that the emerging generation, with all its sex permissiveness, drugs and rebellion, is beginning to show signs of change. By the tens of thousands they are turning to the Bible and to Christ.

Total California property tax levies dropped \$176 million in fiscal 1974 according to preliminary figures but state tax increases to offset the loss of revenue total approximately \$1 billion. The California Taxpayers' Association wonders if it was worth it.



Quiet Lakes In Midst Of Dallas

Quiet Lakes and parks are located in the midst of the hustle of metropolitan Dallas where 17,000 messengers will gather for the 1974 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 11-13. — (BP Photo)

Week Day Religion

Credibility Before God

By Erwin L. McDonald

Credibility is the mystical word these days. The object of the game is to find out, sometimes by investigative committees, who's got it.

The last place a lot of people would go looking for it is Washington, D. C. But the fact that politicians cannot always be believed is less than amazing. Neither can anybody else by category — not even us preachers!

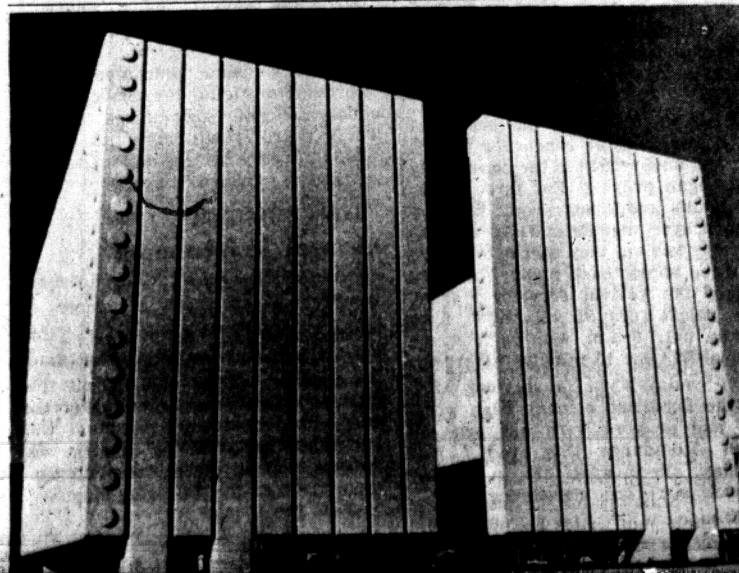
A man, an idea, or a philosophy must stand on its own merit or imputed merit.

Surely we have incontrovertible proof that the doctrine of situation ethics — doing and saying "what comes naturally," whatever is expedient, with no concern for what is good or true or right — is a corrupting

way of life. The one who pursues a policy of letting the end justify the means will surely come to no good end.

God and his plumbline of righteousness may be ignored and despised, but not obliterated. Men may leave God out of their thoughts and their plans and — for a little while — take the law into their own hands. But God will not be mocked.

Our heavenly Father, forgive us of duplicity and hypocrisy and help us to have thy truth and thy love in our inward parts. Create in us integrity of character that we may speak the truth and be trustworthy in all our ways. Teach us to forget ourselves in helping others. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



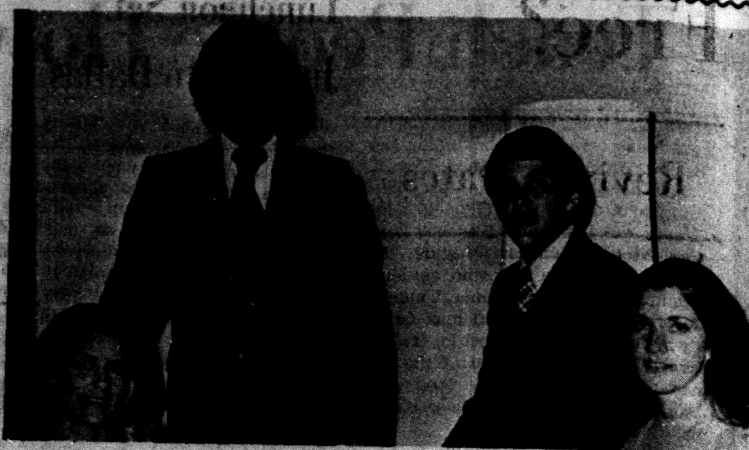
Kennedy Memorial In Downtown Dallas

The Kennedy Memorial will be visited by messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas, June 11-13. The four-walled open centopath (empty tomb) is located about two blocks from the site where the President was assassinated Nov. 22, 1963. — (BP Photo)

Names In The News

Everett Solle from Marion has recently joined the staff at Noxapater Church as full-time minister of music and youth. He attended Clarke College, Mobile, Ala., and has a number of hours on his graduate studies at New Orleans Seminary. He has served as minister of music in various places while attending school. He is 24, single, and was living with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Solle at Marion, until he moved on the field at Noxapater. The pastor is Rev. Gowan Ellis.

Robert Lawrence (Bob) Willis was recently licensed to preach by First Church, Clinton. The 20-year-old youth is a graduating sophomore at Hinds Junior College and plans to enter Mississippi College in August. He is the grandson of Rev. C. M. Day, Baptist pastor and denominational servant. Pastor Bill R. Baker of First Church, Clinton states that, "Bob is one of our choice young people and we are grateful that our Lord has allowed this congregation to have a part in preparing him for the ministry." Bob served on the staff at Ridgecrest Assembly last summer. The Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention has employed him to work in the Royal Ambassador camps this summer. He will be available for supply and interim work and may be contacted at 222 Kitchens Drive in Clinton, where he lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Willis.



HALL OF FAME — Receiving the highest award offered, these students were named to the Mississippi College Hall of Fame in ceremonies held on campus recently. Each student will receive an engraved copy of the TRIBESMAN, the college yearbook, and their pictures will hang permanently in the Hall of Fame Room of the B. C. Rogers Student Center. Pictured from left are Marianna Kennedy, Greenwood; Darrell Boggs, Laurel; Byron Cutrer, Osyka; and Judy Gore, Clinton. (M. C. Photo by Rosa Lee Harden)



Students of Blue Mountain College have elected the editors of their 102nd annual session. Left, is Cindy Sullivan of Byhalia, editor of THE MOUNTAIN BREEZE, student literary journal. At right, is Pat Broadway of Fayetteville, Tenn., editor of THE MOUNTAINEER, college yearbook. Blue Mountain's first yearbook was edited and published by the 1911 MOUNTAINEER staff and its editor, Mrs. LeEarl Bobo Drake, who was presented a Centennial copy of the MOUNTAINEER when her class held a recent reunion.

Mrs. James Barus of Tupelo has written an article for the April issue of *Contempo*, the magazine for Baptist Young Women. Her story tells about three BYW organizations working together in mission action. During the annual Mississippi-Alabama Fair and Dairy Show the women of the BYW groups planned a Bible school for the children of the workers in the fair. Her report showed how the slow-starting Bible school effort became a success.

A group of Acteens from Pelahatchie were featured in the April issue of *Accent*, magazine for Acteens. Their emphasis was on language missions in their church's observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. Mrs. Zane Townsend is their leader.

John McGraw has been notified of his acceptance into the medical program of the University of Mississippi Medical School. McGraw is the third William Carey College student to be accepted in recent weeks.

W. R. Roberts, Annuity Secretary for Mississippi, led the state secretaries in new church enrollment for the first three months in 1974, according to Harold S. Bailey, vice-president of the Annuity Board. Eleven churches that had never provided the Southern Baptist Protection Program were led to participate by Mr. Roberts. Last year, 22 Mississippi churches began participating for the first time in the retirement plans. Already this year, 34 new members from Mississippi churches have enrolled in the retirement plans and 28 members have upgraded or increased their participation. Convention wide, there have been 658 new participants and 717 upgrades in the retirement area. Mr. Bailey indicated that 1974 will be a record year in the enrollment area of retirement. Those needing assistance may contact Mr. Roberts at the Mississippi Baptist Building in Jackson.

Paul J. Crocker, pictured licensed to preach by Union Church, Picayune, is available for supply, interim or pastoral work. Mr. Crocker is a student at New Orleans Seminary. He can be contacted at Rt. 3, Box 198, Picayune, Mississippi, 39466 (phone 504-798-1518).

William D. Cole, Jr. of Ocean Springs was recently licensed to the gospel ministry by Midway Church, Racagoula. Mr. Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Cole, Sr. of Ocean Springs, will soon be attending a Bible college in Tennessee. His wife is the former Brenda Rogers of North Biloxi.



William Carey College president, Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, chats above with four "housemothers" on the Carey campus who will be retiring in May. The occasion was a faculty-staff tea honoring the quartet in the parlor of Crawford Home Economics Building on Friday morning. From left to right: Mrs. Myrtle Crumby, Polk Hall; Mrs. Kathleen Rockenbach, Laurence Hall; Dr. Noonkester; Mrs. Dolly McAdams, Ross Hall; and Mrs. Eva Ashburn, Johnson Hall.



Simmons Memorial Church of Flora presented sashes to three of their mothers on May 12. Pictured from left to right: Mrs. Martha Wallace, youngest mother; Mrs. Emily Tanksley, oldest mother; and Mrs. J. U. McCullough, mother with the most children. Rev. Freddie Tanksley is pastor.

William Carey College biology and chemistry senior, Julia Ann Brown, became the fourth Carey student in recent weeks to receive word that she has been accepted in medical school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Victor L. Bowman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bowman, was ordained to the gospel ministry by Concord Church, Rankin County, on Sunday, May 5. His uncle, Wayne Patrick, chairman of deacons, presented Mr. Bowman with a Bible from the church. His father presented him with the Certificate of Ordination; Rev. J. C. Rentroe, Rankin Supt. of Missions, preached the ordination sermon; and Rev. Harold Bethune of Newton, and a former pastor, assisted in the ordination service, along with Rev. Kenneth Cook, pastor of Concord Church. Mr. Bowman resides at Rt. 2, Pelahatchie, and graduated from Mississippi College on May 19. He will enter New Orleans Seminary this fall.

Carey "Sweepstakes" Winner in annual Honor's Day Ceremonies was Helen Driskell, pretty, from Mobile, Ala. A senior music therapy major, Miss Driskell was named "Miss William Carey College," won the coveted Citizenship Award, won the Scholarship award for a straight 4.0 average for four years, was named "Outstanding Senior Music Student," and picked up numerous other honors in addition.

Students Shape Curriculum At Regional Summer School

The Appalachian Regional School for Church Leaders will be held at the U. of W. Va. the first two weeks of July.

For certain assorted Christians from New York to Mississippi back-to-school times come the first day of July 1974 when they converge on a West Virginia mountain campus.

They scatter again two weeks later, taking home strengthened Christian convictions, sharpened ministry skills and memories of a camaraderie that may at times approximate the koinonia of New Testament days.

Unlike the earliest Christians, these people do not have "all things in common" — but the Gospel itself suffices to draw together ordained man and lay person, seminary student and retiree, clergy wife and Sunday School teacher, Episcopalian and Methodist and Roman Catholic and Southern Baptist.

The 181 persons who attended the 1973 Appalachian Regional School for

Church Leaders (ARSCL) came from 16 states and represented 9 denominations and communions.

Site of the School is the new campus of the University of West Virginia in Morgantown, not far south of Pittsburgh.

Classes occupy mornings, Monday through Friday, with the midpoint week-end free. The 25-course curriculum derives from expressed needs of participants, via an advisory committee composed of student denominational representatives. Each student selects two courses for the first week, another two for the second. Among the 8:00-10:45 offerings this year are Oral Communication, Social - Economic - Political Issues in Appalachia, Group Process, and Family Financial Planning. An equally wide range is available in the 11:00 to 12:30 time slot: Medicine and Ethical Decisions, Who Am I As a Woman Today?, Problems of Suffering, Appalachian Culture, Human Sexuality.

Faculty members of high competence come from distant places as well as from the host University, one of four landgrant colleges across the country which offer regional schools like this.

Afternoons are free except when certain courses require lab or field trip sessions. Optional evening programs acquaint the student with Appalachian people, problems, crafts and music. There are tennis courts and an indoor swimming pool on campus, a lake and several straw hat theaters within easy reach, and a country club which welcomes afternoon golfers and weekend diners out. The University drama group presents a play on the middle weekend. Meals in a University cafeteria combine eye and taste appeal with well - rounded menus.

The ARSCL — equivalent to a six-week session taken in two - week segments during three years — is sponsored by the Interchurch Commission on Religion in Appalachia (CORA) of which the Episcopal Church is a member. Tuition, room, and board cost \$175 for the two weeks; of this a \$30 deposit is made with the registration form which is now available (with full details) from CORA at 864 Weisgarber Road, Knoxville, TN 37919. Attendance is limited to 200, and size of some classes is restricted.

So much for facts. The commitment of the sponsoring churches expresses itself in financial backing for the School. Opinions of 1973 participants testify to its quality.

Muzak, which began supplying music via telephone wire in the 1930's is celebrating its fortieth anniversary as a specialist in functional music for business firms. It now features non-entertainment musical programs to improve work performance among



Oakland, Corinth, Attains Recognition

These leaders of Oakland Church, Corinth, are justifiably proud of having attained DISTINGUISHED RECOGNITION in the use of the Church Training Achievement Guide. Pictured here are Travis Little, Church Training Director; Rev. Wayne Watts, pastor; and A. O. Geisler, Jr., associational Church Training director. The pastor writes that in the use of the promotional program CHURCH: THE SUNDAY NIGHT PLACE in March they had a high attendance of 229. Their Church Training enrollment is 192.

Baptist Hospital Outlines BSU Summer Activities

The BSU of Mississippi Baptist Hospital will be quite busy during the summer months with welcome parties, graduations, and the publication of the hospital's annual LIFE.

May 28 will find the senior Radiologic Technology students at a graduation party at the Ross Barnett Reservoir at 6:00 p.m. Again the reservoir will be the setting for BSU activity June 3 when the new Respiratory Therapy class is welcomed with a noon luncheon.

The new Radiologic Technology class, which comes in on June 10, will be honored with a party at the reservoir June 13 at 6:30 p.m. On June 11 the School of Radiologic Technology will graduate eight students.

Practical Nursing students begin a whirlwind of activities with a luncheon in the Magnolia Room of the Progressive Care Unit at 12:15 on June 17 and conclude with their graduation in the Gilroy Amphitheatre at 4:00 on June 21. The next Practical Nursing class is expected on July 8.

Medical Technology will graduate three students July 3 and will honor them with a tea at 2:30 in the Magnolia Room of PCU.

July 8 is also the date for four new Medical Technology students to arrive. These students have already completed three years in a college or university bachelor of science program with the fourth year to be completed at Baptist Hospital.

All students are looking forward to the publication of the student annual LIFE later in the summer and the annual autograph party which will follow.

Reviewing the BSU calendar of events are (seated) Kathy Bearden, BSU Director of Mississippi Baptist Hospital, and Debbie Newsome of Tupelo, Miss. Newsome, a second year student in Radiologic Technology, has been elected BSU president for 1974-75. She was also voted "Most Beautiful in the hospital's "Student Night" competition recently.



Carey Pre-Meds Honor Retiring Professor

Providing a perpetual reminder of their affection and respect for Professor Roy Hood, the pre-med club of the college is placing a plaque in Green Science Hall appropriately inscribed "M. ROY HOOD ACHIEVEMENT OF EXCELLENCE AWARD IN PRE-MEDICINE." The names of all Carey students accepted each year for medical or dental school will be added. Hood, professor of biology, will be retired this year. Shown making the presentation are five pre-med club members from left: John McGraw, Mac Ernest, Marc Fisher, Julia Ann Brown, and John Beatty.

The Role Of Prayer In The Church Revival

By Mary Baronowski

(NOTE: The following story is just one example of the importance of prayer in a true revival. The writer of the story, minister of music and youth at Sallitlo and a recent graduate of Mississippi College, directed the music and youth activities for this revival.)

Sallitlo Church, Lee County, Rev. Lynton Younger, pastor, experienced what the New Testament calls "revival" the week of April 28-May 5. One church member remarked, "I have not seen anything like this in the 27 years I have been in this church."

It all started when the people of the church became concerned for the lost and unchurched in the community and began praying. For three weeks the adults and young people had cottage prayer meetings. The week before the revival services started, the people prayed all night from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m. with each person responsible for 15 minutes of prayer.

On Sunday when the services started the Lord had already been working and prayers were answered on High Attendance Day, the first Sunday, there were 318 in Sunday School, a record attendance.

Evangelist Rex Fancy from Tupelo was the speaker for the services. Before he started to speak he remarked that a lot of times he has to help prepare a church for revival. But when he walked into the sanctuary at Sallitlo, he could feel that something had already happened. The Lord was there, and in a mighty way.

Each morning a prayer breakfast was held at 7. At this breakfast the people there, mostly students, would that a lot of times he has to help pray specifically for a few individuals. It was a wonderful experience to see those individuals saved at the evening service and then attend the prayer breakfast the next day to pray for others. There was an average of 35 at the prayer breakfasts, with a high of 42.

Since the revival was a "church" revival, the emphasis was placed on different things each night. The Adult and Youth choirs alternated nights to provide music for the services. The children's choir sang three nights. There were youth activities three nights after the service and a carnival

Heuck's Retreat

Changes Homecoming

Heuck's Retreat Church near Brookhaven has made a change of plans in homecoming activities this year. Instead of the usual May date, homecoming will be July 21, the traditional date of the beginning of the summer revival. Homecoming will claim the third Sunday and the revival will begin on Monday and continue through the following Sunday.

The church has plans to improve the cemetery by putting a drive through the center and to circle to the driveway which will be on the western property line. Dinner will be served on the grounds homecoming day, and a memorial service will be held in the afternoon.

for the children's choir on Saturday afternoon.

The results of this revival are hard to name. There were 23 professions of faith, two welcomed by letter, five surrendering to full-time Christian service, including one surrender to the ministry, and 75 rededications. But those are not the only results. The whole community has been transformed by the Lord. The young people are witnessing in school, the adults are learning to walk with the Lord daily, and all the people are learning the effect of fervent prayer.



Microphone Is Class Gift To BMC

The 1974 graduating class of Blue Mountain College (the Centennial Class) has presented to the college a powerful and additional microphone for the chapel lectern and for use in other areas where student programs are presented. Doris Jackson of Falkner, right, vice-president of the graduating class, presents the gift to Dr. E. Harold Fisher, college president.

When Is A Man Really Free?

By Clifton J. Allen
Act 25 to 26

Paul had been kept in prison for two years. This imprisonment in Caesarea, however, was not without value for the Christian witness. Our lesson concentrates on Paul's defense before King Agrippa. Festus had become the governor of the province. Paul, thinking he had no alternative, when Festus to please the Jews asked him if he wished to go to Jerusalem for trial, appealed his case to Caesar. This was his right as a Roman citizen. While Festus was sure that Paul had done no crime, he arranged the hearing before Agrippa and Bernice, who had come to Caesarea for a state visit, to try to decide what he should write the emperor to justify sending Paul to him. Paul's defense before Agrippa was a matchless testimony of personal faith and a forthright appeal to the king to become a follower of Christ.

The Lesson Explained
SET FREE BY CHRIST
We must look at Saul of Tarsus before the Damascus road experience. Paul was brilliant intellectually, ardent religiously, established in the power structure of Judaism, and prominent in the esteem of his peers. One would think of him as free in the fullest sense. But actually, he was not free. He was bound by a legalistic concept of religion. He was frustrated

ed and confused; he could not get away from the argument of Stephen about Jesus or from the vision of Stephen's triumphant martyrdom. He was still in the bondage of hate toward men and rebellion against God. And then he met Jesus. Paul saw the futility of his zeal for the law and the iniquity of his persecution of the Christians and the certainty of his only hope in the love and mercy of God in Christ. In the humility of repentance he bowed his will to Jesus of Nazareth, and he was set free from the law of sin and death. Now he was free, ready to offer himself as a slave of Christ in a relationship of love and trust and self-giving.

BOUND BY THE PURPOSE OF CHRIST (vv. 19-23)
Paul was bound by God's purpose in saving him to a new life and to the service of the gospel. His testimony was, "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." He gave his first witness to people in Damascus. Later in Jerusalem and in Judea he declared the message of salvation. Then under the leadership of the Holy Spirit he went far hence to the Gentiles in Asia Minor, Macedonia, and Greece, declaring the same wonderful gospel. He was bound not in ways that limited his freedom but in ways that involved the stewardship of freedom and brought moral and spiritual freedom to multitudes of other persons. It was his commitment to the proclamation of the gospel to the Gentiles that ultimately led to the attack fact that he now was a prisoner in chains. His freedom of movement was

restricted, but the freedom of obedience to the Lord, of zeal for the gospel, and of true understanding about God's revelation in Christ opened to him the illimitable freedom of faith, love, and devotion.

CONSTRAINED BY CONCERN FOR THE LOST (vv. 24-32)
What Paul had said seemed like nonsense to Festus, so that he interrupted Paul and declared that his learning had made him mad. Paul refused to be turned aside. He was speaking words of truth, the issues of eternity giving them the utmost urgency. Something in the response of Agrippa seemed to elicit the apostle's greater concern. He, therefore, appealed directly to him as one who knew about the teachers of the prophets and historic facts about Jesus Christ. In response to a direct appeal for decision, Agrippa replied to Paul with words hard to interpret. Whether Agrippa meant to make light of Paul's persuasion or to express some interest in the gospel is uncertain. At any rate, Agrippa rejected the apostle's appeal. It was true then, as it had been throughout Paul's labors among the Gentiles, that his soul was on fire with a burden of concern that his hearers might know the wonder of Christ's saving grace and power. Paul was thus sharing something of the freedom of the concern of Christ, a concern inclusive of all men, a concern not restricted by culture or race or moral condition. His freedom was one of spiritual motivation, the constraint of the love of Christ.

Revival Dates

Van Winkle, Jackson: May 19 - 24; Dr. Charles McKay, pastor of First Church, Scottsdale, Arizona, evangelist (Dr. McKay organized and served as pastor of Van Winkle; he was 14 years executive secretary of the Arizona Baptist Convention); Rev. Herman Milner, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.

North Union Church, Collins: June 27; Rev. Athens McNeil, Moss Point, evangelist; Howard Magee, Collins, director of music; Sunday services 10:30 a.m. with dinner on the grounds; weekday services, 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Bilbo Sellers, pastor.

Simmons Memorial Church, Flora: May 28-31; James D. Watson, evangelist; Edwin Sydduth, instrumental evangelist; Joe Blackwell, music evangelist; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Monday - Friday services at 7:30 p.m.; dinner on the ground at 12 noon on Sunday, May 26; Rev. Freddie Tanksley, pastor.

Braxton Church (Simpson): May 27 - June 2; 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Vance H. Dyess, pastor, Trinity Church, Pearl, evangelist; Gene Hubbard, leading music; G. P. Bufkin, pastor.

Bethel (Jones): May 19 - 24; Rev. W. C. Burns, pastor, First, Ellisville, evangelist; Donald Gatlin, minister of music, Bethel Church, singer; Laverne Sullivan, pianist; weekday services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jimmy Collins, pastor.

Mt. Moriah Church (Lincoln): youth revival and retreat, May 28-June 2; Rev. Jerry Mixon, Petal, evangelist; Darrell Boggs, recent graduate from Mississippi College, will lead music. The youth will go to King's Arrow Dude Ranch for three days to begin the revival and will complete the remaining three days with services at the church each night at 7:30. Rev. Larry Barlow, pastor.

Wahalak (Kemper): May 24-26; services at 7:30 p.m. during week; on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. J. B. Costlow, pastor of Liberty Church (Newton) evangelist; special singers each service; Rev. Ronnie W. Bullard, pastor.

Even the basic paper towel has joined the "back to nature" movement to conserve scarce energy and chemicals. Georgia-Pacific Corp., announced that all of its towel production for institutional and industrial consumers nationwide, including office buildings, factories, hospitals, service stations and public recreation areas, will convert immediately from traditional artificial white to the natural beige or light caramel tones of unbleached cellulose just like nature grows the fluffy fiber in the forest. In addition to conserving energy and the scarce chlorine required for bleaching, the change "also will reduce the loss of towel strength from bleaching, thus making them more usable in recycling, and will help slow rising costs to customers." It was pointed out by R. E. Flowerree, G-P executive vice president.

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GENUINE RELIGION
An illustration of the positive reading of God's Word is a man who goes to the mirror and sees a reflection of True Religion. What are the lines that the Looking Glass shows us to be a God - recognized religion?

(1) The genuine religion will show control. A person who shows the marks of God's grace will be able to channel his tongue's language in the right direction and halt certain talk. A man who boasts about his external religious activity, which is born out of fear, cheats himself. Christian joy comes from the right motive. "God and man are more impressed by the product of an inward surrender than they are by outward show."

(2) The genuine religion will show charity. A born-again believer cannot help but share in the suffering of others like widows that have lost companions and children deprived of parents. "An encouraging word to the burdened, words of comfort to the broken-hearted, and words of hope to those who despair - these are the things which only genuine Christianity can provide." These people often need us more than they need our money.

The word "to visit" means more than a hurried call on someone. It means to look after. James is suggesting a responsibility to share willingly, out of love with the unfortunate ones about us.

(3) The genuine religion will show cleanliness "by keeping himself unspotted from the world." James is urging the Christian to be on constant guard of his life so that the lost world will not have an opportunity to corrupt his faith. The Christian must not accept the concepts or habits of the world which are alienated from Christ. We cannot avoid contact with the world but we can guard against contaminating influence.

National Acteen

Luncheon Set,
June 10, In Dallas

DALLAS (BP) - Acteens, the Southern Baptist missions organization for girls in grades 7-12, will hold a national luncheon here June 10.

The luncheon, an event of the Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting, will be held in a ballroom adjacent to the Dallas Convention Center Arena (Memorial Auditorium) at noon. Theme for the meeting will be "Act 1, Acteens Lunch Theatre."

The WMU annual meeting, June 9-10, precedes the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 11-13.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of WMU, says that the Acteens luncheon is being scheduled for the benefit of teens who attend the convention with their parents and for Dallas area Acteens who will drive in for the sessions. It is the first time a youth activity has been scheduled as part of the WMU annual meeting.

"Acteens are just as much a part of WMU as adults are," said Mrs. Mathis, "and we want them to experience the excitement of a national missions meeting. We hope every adult who attends will bring a young person."

Representatives of the Southern Baptist mission boards will introduce missionaries whose work has a youth slant. Missionaries and WMU program personalities will circulate among the audience for personal conversations. Tickets for the event are being sold in advance through the Dallas office of Texas WMU.

The opening session of the main WMU meeting will begin at 7 p.m., June 9. Sessions on Monday are scheduled for morning, afternoon and evening.

Gammel To Head Magnolia School For The Deaf

Rev. Charles Gammel has accepted the position of Director of the Magnolia Speech School for the Deaf, an oral, non-profit private school for the deaf located in Jackson. Magnolia Speech School for the Deaf serves hearing impaired children and their families from Mississippi, surrounding states, and even from states as far distant as Alaska.

A graduate of Mississippi College, Mr. Gammel is returning to Jackson after three years in St. Louis.

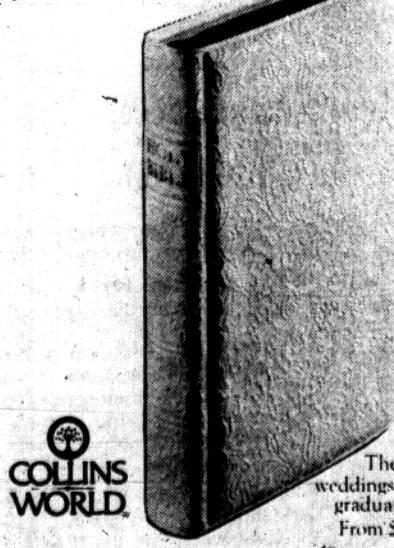
Mr. Gammel and his family intend to settle in the Clinton area. He will be available to speak to churches and other groups about the education of the deaf, about special ministries to the deaf, for pulpit supply, youth rallies, etc., after June 1.

Mr. Gammel has stated that he will accept no honorarium above expenses. Instead, all such gifts will be used to form a scholarship fund for deaf children.

NAIROBI, Kenya - Local Baptist church members here joined forces with other evangelicals in forming "Afromedia," a television ministry designed to inform the people in this densely populated area of the works and teachings of Christ. "Afromedia" was started after several years of planning and discussion among many groups here. The project is being funded by a large donation from an anonymous donor, along with donations from other groups. The donations help provide operating funds, personnel and studio equipment to broadcast the Christian message.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights..."

James, 1:17



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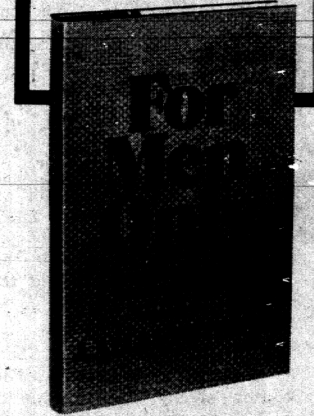
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Southern Seminary

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New Program

LOCAL TRUSTEES from Mississippi met with other members of Southern Seminary's board of trustees when the board met in its annual meeting to adopt a doctor of philosophy degree and approve five faculty changes. Baptists' first seminary, Southern is continuing its increase in student enrollment for the twelfth year. Shown here with seminary president Duke K. McCall are, from left to right, trustees Ralph J. Noonkester, McCall, and Howard E. Spell. Trustee Joe Jack Hurst is not pictured.

Pastoral Leadership Conference Set In Dallas After SBC

NASHVILLE - A special two-day "Pastoral Leadership Conference" will be held in Dallas, Tex., following the Southern Baptist Convention there. Dates for the conference, which will be conducted at the Baylor University Medical Center, are June 14-15.

"This conference will offer pastors the opportunity for a more productive ministry in their churches," said Brooks R. Faulkner, conference director and pastoral ministries consultant at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. "It is designed to help pastors discover and develop their strengths, not dwell on their weaknesses or those of their church members."

Conference topics will include "How to Make Effective Use of Your Time," "The Pastor As A Decision Maker," "How to Get Along With Difficult Church Members," "Motivating the Unmotivated," "Communicating Ideas and Concepts," "Skills in Human Relations" and "Communication with Many Forms of Society."

In addition to Faulkner, conference leaders will include Glenn Braswell, executive secretary, Colorado Baptist General Convention; Lyn Elder, professor, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.; and Gene Garrison, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

The registration fee is \$10. To make reservations contact the Church Administration Department, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn., 37204.

Eighty per cent of the materials that go into tires are made from petroleum and other hydrocarbons, according to the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Doing The Truth

James 1:16-27

By Bill Duncan

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one, any day;
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way
The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear.
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear,
And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds,
For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.

I soon can learn to do it if you'll let me see it done;
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.
And the lecture you deliver may be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.
For I might misunderstand you and the high advice you give,
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

-Edgar Guest

"A Belief that Behaves" is faith that goes about doing good. A person must know, but knowledge is not the end. We have not learned until we know how to use the information properly. Many people get real interested in Bible study, such as the study of James, but failed to live the truth that they discover.

Faith and works compliment each other. The person who believes the truth will want to do the truth. Faith is shown through works.

GOD OF GRACE

James 1:16-21

Our God is at the top of all life's circumstances, and He is able to lift us above the circumstances of life. Because God is a giving God, He is able to bestow upon us the gifts of His presence. All that is good - "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above" - comes from Him.

God's gift of grace is described in a beautiful way in James. He is the "Father of lights" just as the lights of the universe are always shining so God is always giving. There is no variability - unceasing alternation. He does not vary between rich and poor, young and old, gifted and simple. He shows no change. There is also no shadow caused by turning. Any shadow that comes between us and Him is not of His making, but of ours.

Dr. David Smith is quoted as saying: "Grace is like the lights which God has set in the firmament to give light upon the earth; it is a sun which never sets. Where it shines, it is always high noon-tide, neither waxing nor waning and where it rests there is no shadow on the dial."

The greatest gift of God's grace is life. This is life which is spiritual, Christian, heavenly and eternal. Man who accepts God's love can be saved because it is the will of God to bring men into a proper relationship with Him. The means of God's work was the Word of Truth. The Word shows us the need and the way of salvation.

The purpose of this grace was that we should not only have life but that it would be of a fine quality - happy, healthy, attractive and influential. So James says, "Do not err" - make no mistake about what you are going to do.

This talk about God's grace is not to take away our incentive but to encourage our dependence upon Him. Dependence can express itself as submission to God's every wish and concern.

A person who wants to please the God of every good gift needs to do three things. If God is ever going to

be able to direct our lives we must be good listeners. The ability to listen is a talent most of us do not have because we had rather talk. We have two ears and one mouth. So it would be good for us to learn to listen. Second, we need to use our tongue to speak for God. We are not to be silent Christians. Third, we should be "slow to wrath." Too many of us have a short fuse and some are proud of it because it is a weapon in getting our own way. The problem is that while we are busy bulldozing or arguing when we could be listening, we may miss golden opportunities for instruction, for growth, for development into the person God meant us to be. The grace of God is to enable us to become what God wants us to be.

GOING ABOUT DOING GOOD

After a person has become a Christian, there is to be a continuous process of growth through doing. "Be ye doers of the word." This describes a creative action which springs from an inner desire to do. This is not action caused by habit or conformity but action produced by love.

Listening is not enough. It is possible to hear a sermon on tithing and keep our pocketbooks closed.

The word "hearer" describes one who comes to hear the teacher but does not want to get credit by doing the work that the course requires. This is the spectator type of church member. He may even join the church for what the church can give him but refuse to give anything.

The danger of a person refusing to give himself to doing God's work is that he deceives himself. He is not thinking properly for he is hurting himself. He disappoints his God.

An illustration of this negative reading is shown in James 1:26. A man goes to the mirror, expecting to see a thoroughly religious man, because that is what he wants to see.

The mirror is God's Word by which a man takes a look at himself. The observant reader is the one that "looketh" carefully with an earnest gaze. He discovers that the Word is the secret of all true freedom. This earnest observant attitude to the Word is no glancing type but one who in a habitual custom "continueth therein."

The obedient reader - is one who is a doer of the work. Whatever portion of God's Word we read we are sure to find something that it requires us to do. The one who puts God's instruction into action will find himself equipped to meet life in all the opportunities that may arise. "The worker shall be blessed in his deed." There is no happiness like the joy that comes by working for God.

Don't be the fellow who goes to church and listens and goes to the Bible study and listens and then folds up his halo and goes away, happy and content that he has done his Christian

Mississippi Newsbriefs

Summit Doctor On Mission To Korea

Dr. B. E. Hewitt, a practicing physician in Summit for the past 22 years, and a deacon in First Church, Summit, has joined the Moody Adams Crusade Team for its Korean trip this month.



The team flew out of Los Angeles, California, on May 21, and was to go to Tokyo, Japan, for two nights and one day tour of that city. Then the team will fly to Seoul, Korea, for an eleven-day Crusade. After this, it returns through Hawaii back to Los Angeles.

Two years ago Dr. Hewitt served as a volunteer medical missionary at the Southern Baptist Hospital in Ajloun, Jordan.

Graduates From Southeastern

WAKE FOREST, N. C. — A Mississippi student, James Ralph Harrington Jr., pictured, was among the 141 persons who received degrees or certificates in commencement exercises May 11 at Southeastern Seminary, Harrington, a native of Houston, received the Master of Divinity degree.

New Hope Homecoming

Homecoming at New Hope Church in Lafayette County will be the first Sunday in June: June 2. Rev. Ira Metts will bring the 11 a.m. message. Lunch will be served at 12. Following lunch will be singing and fellowship. Rev. J. W. Massie of Sardis is the pastor. The public is invited.

Friendship Plans

May 26 Homecoming

Homecoming at Friendship Church, Route 2, Brookhaven, will be May 26. Activities for the day will include Sunday School at 10, regular worship at 11, a dinner at the church, and afternoon service.

Both morning and afternoon messages will be brought by Rev. Howard D. Smith, a former member, now pastor of Kilmichael Church. An offering will be taken for upkeep of the cemetery.

"All members and friends of the church are invited to attend," states Rev. Wiley Reid, pastor.

Mt. Gilead Calls Pastor

Rev. Roy A. Sanford of Northport, Alabama, has accepted the call as pastor to Mt. Gilead Church, Meridian.

He is married to the former Cecilia Shelby, also of Northport, and they have a four-year-old daughter, Dana. Mr. Sanford is a graduate of Samford University in Birmingham, and is presently enrolled at New Orleans Seminary.

Concord Homecoming

Concord Church of McCall Creek will have homecoming May 26, with Sunday school at 10 and morning worship at 11. Lunch will be served at the church and the afternoon devoted to the cemetery and planning for the coming year. Friends, former members and pastors are invited, according to the pastor, Rev. James Jackson.

JURBISE, Belgium — The congregation of an English-language church here is rapidly becoming bi-lingual. The addition of several Belgian families to the congregation of the International Baptist Church means a new Sunday School in French and prayer and scripture readings in French, according to Southern Baptist missionary W. Raymond Reynolds, pastor.

New Pastor At Pelahatchie

Rev. Carl R. Nelson recently began his pastorate at Pelahatchie Church. He and Mrs. Nelson moved to Mississippi from Colorado, where he was pastor of Calvary Church at Englewood.

Former pastorates include student pastorates in Mississippi and Oklahoma; First Church, Ironton, Missouri; First Church, Union, Missouri; and First Church of Lemay, St. Louis.



A native Mississippian, he received his education at Cleveland High School; Office Training School, Memphis; Mississippi College; and Southwestern Seminary.

Mr. Nelson is presently a member of SBC Executive Committee; Chairman, Public Relations Work Group; member of SBC Public Relations Advisory Committee; vice-moderator, Denver Baptist Association; and chairman, Committee on Committees, Denver Baptist Association.

He was former president, Colorado State Pastors' Conference; trustee, Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Missouri; member, executive Board, Missouri Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Carl R. (Martha) Nelson is also a native Mississippian, educated at Delta State and Mississippi College; with courses at Southwestern Seminary. In the past five years, she has done extensive writing for Southern Baptist publications. Broadman has published three of her books: *A Woman's Search For Serenity*; *On Being A Deacon's Wife*; and *The Christian Woman In The Working World*. She has contributed to two other books. Mrs. Nelson co-authored a cassette tape with Dr. T. B. Matson of Southwestern Seminary for the Broadman Minister's Tape Plan.

She and their oldest daughter, whose husband is in law enforcement, are co-authoring a book — directed to police wives — *The Police Wife*.

The Nelsons have three daughters: Mrs. Gary (Pat) James, Oklahoma City; Mrs. James (Nancy) Liner, Union, Missouri; Mrs. Kent (Rebecca) Payne, Longview, Texas.

RECIFE, Brazil — The Seminary of Christian Educators here began its 1974 school year with 100 young women enrolled in regular courses, an 11 percent increase over 1973. Of the 100 students, 66 are enrolled in the school's advanced course, the largest number in the 57-year history of the institution.



Left to right: Ben Foster, president, Jeff Davis youth choir; Jim Hannaford, overall director, "Celebrate Life, '74"; Harvey Kelly, assistant director; Darrell Ferrington, assistant director. (Photo courtesy Prentiss Headlight)

100-Voice Jeff Davis Youth Choir To Present "Celebrate Life" At Lakeside

The 100-voice Youth Choir of Jefferson Davis Association will present the musical drama of the life of Christ as found in the Gospels, "CELEBRATE LIFE" on Saturday night, May 25, at 8 p.m., at Jeff Davis County Lake off Highway 42 South of Prentiss.

This production of "CELEBRATE LIFE" has been five months in preparation. The overall production has been under the direction of Rev. L. B. Atchison, Superintendent of Missions of Jefferson Davis Association. The general director of the choir is Jim Hannaford, music director of Prentiss Church. He has been assisted by Darrell Ferrington, music director of Whitesand Church, and Harvey Kelly, music director of Bethany Church.

There have been nine committees

working on the associational level that have taken care of the many details necessary to producing "CELEBRATE LIFE."

The stage area for the choir will be on the edge of the lake with the audience seated on the hillside looking down across the stage on the lake. It is anticipated that 1,000 to 1,500 people from over a wide area of south Mississippi will view this production. Parking for the cars is available at the lake but there will also be shuttle bus service from Prentiss Church, Dublin Church and the South Prentiss Shopping Center.

In addition to the 100 voice choir, there have been some people enlisted from outside the Jefferson Davis Baptist Association to assist in the production. Playing the parts of the Gospel writers will be Lloyd Mims, Collins, as Matthew; Randy von Knefel, Pascagoula, as Mark; Russell Willingham, Hattiesburg, as Luke; and John Meeks, Jackson, as John. Mrs. Marilyn Mims of Collins will be the featured soloist for the production and Mike Gustine of WDMT Television in Hattiesburg will be the technical director.

"CELEBRATE LIFE", which was written by Ragan Courtney and Buryl Red, has been a most effective vehicle of presenting the Gospel account of the life of Christ wherever it has been produced.

In case of rain the presentation will be on Monday night, May 27, at 8 p.m. at Jeff Davis County Lake.

Devotional

Remember The Lone Ranger?

By Mel C. Craft, Pastor, Tylertown

How this character has lived in our memories! Someone said, "The test of real culture is that one can listen to the William Tell Overture and not think of the Lone Ranger."



We apply the term Lone Ranger to the person who feels that he is the only one who has trouble, or is the only one who makes a sacrifice, or the only one with many things to do.

Some years ago a friend and I went to the Convention; and to entertain ourselves, we greeted most people with the question, "How have you been since you had your trouble?" What glances, double-takes, and knowing looks we received. Only a handful asked, "What trouble?"

Everyone has trouble. Everyone has a sacrifice to make. Everyone is busy.

"The truth of the matter is that everyone of us has all the time there is." (One of our deacons said that.)

To say 'we don't have time to do God's work' may indicate:

1. How far down our list of priorities His will really is.
2. How little we care to see His work done!
3. How little we know of His need for us.
4. How sleepy, drowsy, and inert we are spiritually.
5. How ignorant we might be of the fact that He said, "I know thy works."

So dear friends, you have all the time there is. No one has a minute more!

"So teach us to number our days that we apply our hearts in wisdom!" (Psalms 90:12)

ETV Announces New Series Of Bible Telecasts

In a new series of Bauman Bible Telecasts — the third to be aired by the Mississippi Educational Television Network — the life of Jesus as it is presented in the Gospels will be examined.

"The Life of Jesus" will be seen at 6 p.m. each Wednesday beginning May 29, over ETV Channels: 19, Biloxi; 14, Meridian; 17, Bude; 23, Greenwood; 29 Jackson; 18, Oxford-University; and 2, Mississippi State.

"The major emphasis will be upon the first three Gospels, but comparisons will be made with John's Gospel at many points along the way," explains Dr. Edward W. Bauman, on-camera instructor for the new series.

"From the humble beginnings to the glory of the resurrection, we will walk with him, trying to understand and appropriate the 'life' that is in him," Bauman says.

Making use of the best and latest information available in the field of New Testament studies, the 26 programs will also relate the Dead Sea Scrolls and other recent findings to the primary documents.

As was the case with "When the Church Was Young" and "John's Gospel in the Modern World" — both seen recently on ETV — "The Life of Jesus" will utilize art and music from the past and present times.

Viewers are always encouraged to develop their own ideas and conclusions in response to the presentation of basic ideas in each session. Besides art and music, poetry and contemporary literature are incorporated into the series.

Nonsectarian in approach, Bauman Bible Telecasts always present alternative views on important points where there is serious difference of opinion.

Rev. Robert Miles brought the enthusiasm of youth, and the love of

POWERLINE A Straight Line to Teens

Dr. J. P. Allen, Director, Audience Response

TOO OLD TO RUN AWAY?

This young person asks an interesting question.

When I was about 10 years old, I got really angry at my parents and decided to run away from home. My mother didn't try to stop me. She even helped me pack. But I didn't go. Since then I have often been angry and felt like leaving. I wonder, when are you too old to run away?

Everyone is tempted to take the easy way out, but it is no way to deal with life.

No one is ever too old to run away. Many adults well beyond middle age are still running away, but they are not going anywhere. They are hot running away from home anymore, just life. In their adolescence they established patterns of escaping the demands of responsibilities and relationships. They never learned to stand up and fight for the things they wanted, believed in. So now they don't know how to cope with life. All they know is how to cop out.

There are better ways of handling life. Get things into the right perspective, seek the counsel of objective listeners, build strong lines of communication with those you care about, and seek reasonable compromises in conflict. All these contribute to your increasing maturity.

In this search it is important to start with basics, such as discovering your best self in a personal relationship with God. He won't force himself on you anymore than your mother did. But we believe that in Christ you would find a happy alternative to running away.

POWERLINE is a 30-minute program for teens produced by Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission and carried by 771 stations. Write for a station list, Box 12157, Fort Worth, Texas 76116.

Bible-Preaching Conferences Scheduled At Conference Centers

NASHVILLE — A combination of the old and new will mark the Bible-Preaching Conferences to be held this summer at Glorieta (N. M.) and Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference

centers, according to Howard B. Foshee, secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church administration department.

Dates for the Glorieta conference are July 27 - Aug. 2; while the conference at Ridgecrest will be held Aug. 10-18.

"The Bible-Preaching Conferences will be a new experience for us," says Foshee. "In an effort to bring out the true meaning of these meetings, the conferences will combine the old with the new."

The conferences are designed for pastors, church staff members and their families, and laymen desiring in-depth Bible study and preaching.

Rev. J. C. Bar became the first pastor to direct a complete survey of prospects, and initiate regular visits to shut-ins.

Under the leadership of Davis, the already instituted local missions program is being expanded.

Off The Record

Go Broke

An innocent-looking little old lady cashed her check at the supermarket and thanked the cashier, saying, "I just don't know what I'd do without you people now that the bank has stopped cashing my checks."

Intellectual Farmer

"Farm products cost more than they used to," observed the reporter. "Yes," said farmer Brown, "when a farmer is 'sposed to know the botanical name of what he's raisin' and the zoological name of the insect that eats it, and the chemical name of what will kill it, somebody's gotta pay."

Dial A Dream

"I can't sleep," wailed a voice on the phone at three a.m. "Hold the line," said the doctor, "I'll sing you a lullaby!"

Letting off Steam

An asylum patient who had been certified cured was saying goodbye to the director of the institution. "And what are you going to do when you go out in the world?" asked the director.

"Well," said the patient, "I have passed my bar examinations, so I may practice law. I have also had quite a bit of experience in college dramatics, so I might try acting."

He paused for a moment, deep in thought. "Then on the other hand," he continued, "I might be a teakettle."

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Bellevue (Bolivar) Announces Tenth Anniversary Celebration

Rev. S. W. Davis, Jr., pictured, pastor, announces the tenth anniversary celebration of Bellevue Church, Bolivar County, on the first Sunday in June, with all former members and pastors specially invited.

A lunch will be spread, and the main speaker will be the executive secretary of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson. Special music is being prepared by Director Hugh Griffin, the

Bellevue Church was organized, and was the first church in the building.

ing program, with the deacons and committees securing pastor's home.

Rev. Ken Sheppard, a young minister, brought the study of the Bible in depth, and Bibles were placed in the pews. The church was named by poll conducted by the young people, among the members. (The town of Shelby was first named Bellevue, with a little different spelling).

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